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Dear Alan

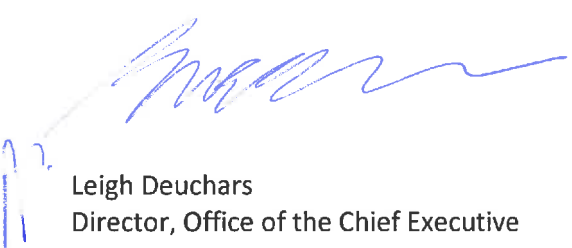
**Information Request – Cost of Rural Fires**

I refer to your official information request dated 30 January 2018 regarding costs associated with the Wanaka and Tiwai point fires in January 2018.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand records its costs on a readiness perspective, not at the incident suppression level so some information requested would be difficult to provide a breakdown of. Some cost information can be made available, however this information does not yet exist as not all invoices and payments will have been made.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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