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Shaun

By email: fyi-request-7214-9f43e3ba@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Shaun

Information Request – statistics on how many fires have been from electrical causes

I refer to your official information request dated 5 February 2018 regarding statistics on how many fires have been from electrical causes.

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982, I *enclose* the information you requested.

The information provided shows all fires attended by the Fire and Emergency personnel for the calendar years from 2012 to present by Region. The incidents have been limited to those where the heat source was recorded as short circuited, arcing or overloaded electrical equipment, or where the fire cause was recorded as short circuiting or other electrical failure within our reporting database.

Please note that industrial action undertaken by New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union during August 2011 to end March 2012 may have limited the information gathered, and now held by Fire and Emergency New Zealand that is relevant to your request. It may consequently not be possible to draw meaningful comparisons between the information relating to the period(s) of industrial action and other periods for which a fuller range of information may be held.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L Deuchars'.

Leigh Deuchars
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