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By email: <fyi-request-10259-800054a2@requests.fyi.org.nz>

Dear Dan

**Information Request – Report to the Minister documents**

I refer to your official information request dated 6 May 2019 asking for all copies of Fire and Emergency New Zealand's 'Report to the Minister' documents since 1 July 2017, and all copies of the New Zealand Fire Service's 'Report to the Minister' documents from 1 January 2000 onwards.

We consulted with you on 8 May 2019, as required by section 18B of the Official Information Act (OIA), asking you to refine your request. We appreciate your correspondence received 21 May 2019 refining your request to only include documents sent to the Minister since 2013. However, your refined request identified 200 documents within scope. We have calculated that it would take an average of 15 - 20 minutes to prepare each document for release. Due to the substantial amount of work required to research, collate and review the information you have requested, we have decided to refuse your request under section 18(f) of the OIA.

We considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would help, as required by section 18A of the OIA. However, the work required to process your request would need to be completed by a person with expert knowledge whose diversion from core business would have a substantial and unreasonable impact on Fire and Emergency New Zealand's other operations.

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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