

14 October 2019

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Reference: OIA-2019/20-0204

Dear John Homer

Official Information Act request relating to the lack of Response Teams in Southland and Otago Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 8 October 2019. You requested:

"I wish to know why there is no (New Zealand Response Teams) in Southland and Otago? As the rest of the country is covered but not the lower south island!"

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not hold information relating to your request. I believe that the part of the request relating to the Southland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group is held by Environment Southland and the part of the request relating to the Otago Civil Defence Emergency Management Group is held by the Otago Regional Council.

Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(i) of the Act to transfer your request to the relevant Regional Councils.

The Regional Councils have 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial Services