



**National Headquarters**

Level 12  
80 The Terrace  
PO Box 2133  
Wellington  
New Zealand

Phone +64 4 496 3600

6 November 2019

Alan Thompson

By email: [fyi-request-11421-8530cd7b@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-11421-8530cd7b@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Alan

**Information Request – Porters Pass Vegetation Fire**

I refer to your official information request dated 9 October 2019 asking for a full breakdown of the costs to contain and extinguish a vegetation fire that occurred in Porters Pass on 1 September 2019.

The incident began 1 September 2019 and ended 4 September 2019. The costs shown in the table below do not include fixed labour costs associated with extinguishing the fire. All costs are given from 1 September 2019 and are current as at 5 November 2019.

<b>F2834671 - Porters Pass 1/9/19</b>	<b>Costs as at 05.11.2019</b>
Hire of Aerial Services	\$209,271
Labour costs	\$31,735
External Firefighting Services	\$5,317
Incident Catering	\$2,989
Consultants	\$840
Travel & Accommodation & Meals	\$226
Other	\$127
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250,505</b>

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

Raewyn Bleakley  
Deputy Chief Executive, Office of the Chief Executive