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Ref: OIA052

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Harris Leigh
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Dear Harris Leigh,

Official Information Act request relating to the importance of local contractors in delivering emergency management responses in New Zealand

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 7 March 2023. You requested:

"Under the OIA I seek any information you hold relating to the importance of local contractors in delivering emergency management responses in Aotearoa.

Specifically I am interested to know:

- 1) Whether the urgency of emergency responses means it local contractors are often best placed to provide assistance;*
- 2) Whether it would be possible to replace the use of local contractors with directly employed public servants as proposed by the Leader of the Opposition."*

I believe the requested information is more closely connected to the functions of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA to transfer your request to NEMA.

NEMA has 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kieran McAnulty'.

Hon Kieran McAnulty
Minister for Emergency Management