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**Information Request** – Statistics of Operational Firefighters

We refer to your official information request dated 9 June 2023 asking for the following information:

*A breakdown by number and percentage in an excel/CSV file that shows the number of operational firefighters by region, rank and ethnicity*

We have interpreted your request to be for career firefighters currently in an operational role.

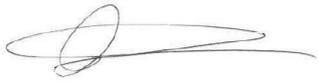
In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), please find *enclosed* a document outlining the number of operational firefighters by region rank and ethnicity.

The percentages of career firefighters by ethnicity is provided in our annual report, available here [FENZ Annual Report 2022.pdf](#)

Ethnicity is counted based on information provided by firefighters. Some firefighters may identify with more than one ethnicity. For example, if a firefighter identifies as Māori and Asian they will be included in both the Māori and Asian count. Therefore, these values and percentages may total more than the number of current operational career fighters or more than 100% of the total.

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.

Nāku noa nā



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