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Tēnā koe Alan

Thank you for your request of 26 August 2024, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

• I request the costs FENZ incurred controlling and extinguishing the Port Hills wildfire that occurred in Feb 2024 (F3914792).

Please find attached, as the **Appendix** to this response, the costs relating to the Port Hills fire 2024. The table shows the costs for the fire, excluding GST. Please note, the costs represent the additional expense we incur beyond our fixed cost of maintaining response capability.

External firefighting services are those resources that are not owned or, in the case of people, are not employed by Fire and Emergency. They may include forestry company or Department of Conservation personnel, and operators of heavy equipment such as diggers, bulldozers, water tankers, etc.

Employee payments may include payments for overtime and travel reimbursements. Volunteer payments may include reimbursements for mileage, parking, petrol, travel costs or meals. Please note that the costs of the fire have not yet been finalised and the figure is likely to increase.

We trust that the information being provided is of assistance. If you require further information, please email <u>officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz.</u>

Nāku noa, nā

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