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Tēnā koe Mark

We refer to your request of 16 January 2026 to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting information relating to planned infrastructure and new builds. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and we copy and respond to each aspect of your request below.

- 1. Any planned infrastructure builds including renovations, new builds etc relating to new or existing fire stations nationwide.*

Fire and Emergency currently has the following renovations and new build projects underway or planned for delivery in the 2025/26 financial year. Projects considered minor capital works (such as renewals or component replacements) have not been included:

Location	Project Description
Birkenhead	Expansion and Refurbishment
Karikari	New Build - 2-Bay Station
Kaukapakapa	Reinstatement of Existing Station
Paparoa	New Build - 2-Bay Station
Gisborne	Seismic Strengthening, Expansion and Refurbishment
Mount Maunganui	Seismic Strengthening
Otorohanga	Seismic Strengthening and Refurbishment
Tauranga	New Build - 6-Bay Station
Te Awamutu	Seismic Strengthening
Paraparaumu	Seismic Strengthening
West Coast District Office	Seismic Strengthening and Refurbishment
Moana	Seismic Strengthening and Refurbishment
Ross	Seismic Strengthening and Refurbishment
Twizel	Seismic Strengthening and Refurbishment

Location	Project Description
Ward/Flaxbourne	New Build - 2-Bay Station
Woolston Training Facility	Smoke Management Upgrade
Luggate	Seismic Strengthening and Refurbishment
Shotover	New Build - Relocation Required
Tarras	Expansion and Refurbishment

2. *Separate to above, a list of locations identified where FENZ is considering, or has considered building new fire stations due to population or industrial growth.*

Fire and Emergency has not identified any new additional fire stations for construction in the 2026/27 or 2027/28 financial years beyond those intended to replace or supersede existing stations. For this reason, we are refusing this aspect of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information does not exist.

Factors such as population growth, industrial development, and changes in community risk are considered through the development of a business case to ensure that decisions for establishing new stations are based on robust evidence and formally assessed need.

3. *A list of locations identified where FENZ is considering or has considered increasing staffing levels.*

Fire and Emergency has agreed to increase staffing levels based on approved business cases in the following locations:

- Tairāwhiti (Gisborne)
- Northern, Central and Southern Communication Centres

Consideration of staffing levels nationally is ongoing however no further specific locations have been identified or confirmed at this stage. Any further increases will require approval of evidence-based business cases.

4. *A heat map or road travel time map of current fire station locations, in Auckland, of the maximum response timeframes (I believe this is 8 or 11 minutes?) that a fire truck should be achieving for arrival to emergency events.*

Please find attached, as **Appendix One** to this response, copies of response time maps (up to 10 minutes) for Auckland fire stations. Please note that the drive times recorded in these maps are indicative of how long an appliance may take to drive to specific locations, not the maximum timeframe they must arrive there by. Many different factors may impact the time it takes for an appliance to respond to an emergency.

5. *A list of all land addresses currently owned or leased by FENZ, identifiable by occupied/vacant building status and Fire Stations names/locations.*

Please find attached, as **Appendix Two** to this response, a list of all addresses currently owned or leased by Fire and Emergency. All of the buildings listed in **Appendix Two** are occupied.

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

Please note that because of the identified public interest in the information that you have requested, we intend to publish this response (with your personal details removed) on our website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Saunders', written in a cursive style.

Aidan Saunders
Manager, Information Requests

