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Tēnā koe Harwood

We refer to your request of 12 March 2026 to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1. Any communication involving the Executive Leadership Team within the past 3 months regarding any aspect of the government select committee, be that discussing their appearance at, tactics about the meeting or other, include ALL forms of written communication such as messenger, microsoft teams, whatsapp, email or SMS.*
- 2. Any communication, reports or documents within the past 6 months regarding the performance, conduct or concerns of the Executive Leadership Team. I will require information about any communication within FENZ. I do not require communications originating from members of the public. However, if complaints or concerns regarding the Executive Leadership Team have been received from members of the public during this period, please provide the number of such complaints or concerns recorded.*

On 26 March 2026 you agreed to refine your request to the following:

Part 1

- 1. Any issues regarding select committees within the last 60 days (from today), that have been communicated by any written means that have either been received by or sent by the Chief Executive or Deputy Chief Executives, this is critical information for public transparency, if this is not acceptable please advise.*
- 2. I now query who was the person or position that sent 1000 emails within the past 3 months containing the keyword "select committee"?*

Part 2

- 1. Any written communication, reports or documents within the past 3 months (from today) on the performance, conduct, or any other centrally recorded information on the Chief*

Executive or Deputy Chief Executives, In the event that individuals are not legally able to be identifiable, please provide as much information as available. I will still require information within this time period on the total number of issues received regarding the above issues from the public or otherwise. This is critical information for public transparency, if this is not acceptable please advise.

2. * Further I ask, what is the process for staff to report issues regarding the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executives?

This letter is to advise that Fire and Emergency needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 20 working days, under section 15A(1)(a) of the OIA, as the request is for a large quantity of official information or necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations and 15A(1)(b) of the OIA, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

For this reason, you can expect to receive our response no later than 12 May 2026. We will endeavour to respond sooner than this date if possible. If you no longer require this information, please let us know.

You have the right to request an investigation and review of Fire and Emergency's decision to extend the timeframe by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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