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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:

- 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. Your refined request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and our response is set out below.

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?

In line with our obligations under the OIA to make and communicate our decision on your request within the statutory timeframe, we have decided to grant your request. However, it will take us a little more time to prepare the information for release. The information will be provided to you without undue delay and no later than 26 May 2026. Some information has been withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- 9(2)(ba)(i), to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; and
- 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

In making this decision, we have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA. Some information contained within the Appendices falls outside the scope of your request. Where this occurs, the information has been redacted and labelled as *out of scope*. Duplicate email chains have also been removed.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please email officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz

Nāku noa, nā



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