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Tēnā koe Peter

Thank you for your email of 2 April 2026, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information:

Staffing by Department

- Please provide the number of paid FENZ staff by department, broken down for each year from establishment in 2017 through to EOFY 2026. I would appreciate this in a table that also includes the percentage of staff by department compared to the total, with department classifications generally emphasizing front-line firefighters in stations, front-line firefighters in investigation/risk/support roles, and other NHQ positions including NHQ management.*

Aging Firefighting Vehicles

- My community has a number of very old trucks under FENZ management for the past 9 years. Do you have any plans to replace the following vehicles?*

- Cheviot Tanker – 30+ years old*
- Culverden Tanker – 30+ years old*
- Hanmer Rural Tanker – almost 40 years old Hawarden Pump – 30+ years old Hawarden Tanker – 35+ years old Waikari Pump – 30+ years old Kaiapoi #1 – 35+ years old Scargill Tanker – 30+ years old Waiau Pump – 30+ years old Waiau Tanker – 35+ years old Waikuku Beach Tanker – 35+ years old*

(This list is not exhaustive.)

Board Members' Pay

- 3. As a levy payer, I would like to understand the documented rationale or benefits behind the significant increase in board members' remuneration. Please provide any relevant documentation from the last three months, including information on how this increase was prioritized over other urgent needs, such as fleet replacement, given FENZ's stated budget constraints.*

Your request is being considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

We wrote to you on 14 April 2026 to advise that we have transferred your request for Board Member remuneration to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) as it is more closely aligned with the functions of DIA.

This letter is to advise that Fire and Emergency needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 15 working days, under section 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 26 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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