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Tēnā koe Alan

Thank you for your request of 25 May 2026 to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- *In response to an earlier OIA (Your Ref 20484) you provided a breakdown of the costs of the 8 Nov 2025 Tongariro Fire as at 26 Jan 2026. These included \$43,377 Employee Payments of \$43,377, Volunteer payment of \$67,577 and Travel, Accom and Meal costs of \$12,217.*
- 1. *You further advised that Employee payments may include payments for overtime and travel reimbursements. Under the provisions of the Official Information Act can you further advise:*
 - (a) The breakdown between the overtime and travel re-imbursements made to paid staff.*
 - (b) The number of paid staff who received overtime payments for this incident.*
 - (c) The assigned duties of these staff at the incident.*
 - (d) The total hours of Overtime paid out to these staff.*
 - (e) The policy for paid staff relating to a deployment to a long duration event and what hours of attendance at the incident qualify for an overtime payment.*
- 2. *You further advised that Volunteer payments may include reimbursements for mileage, parking, petrol, travel costs or meals. Under the provisions of the Official Information Act can you further:*
 - (a) Advise the breakdown of the costs that resulted in \$67,000 in mileage, parking, petrol, travel and meals for this incident.*
 - (b) Confirm that no payments were made to Volunteers in the form of a daily or hourly rate for their services.*

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

This letter is to advise that Fire and Emergency needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 5 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 30 June 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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