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By email: [www.fyi.co.nz](http://www.fyi.co.nz)

Dear Mr Berry

**Information Request – Number of days sick leave taken by career firefighters**

I refer to your official information request, received on 05 February 2016, regarding: Number of days sick leave taken by career firefighters.

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 please find the information you have requested in the tables below:

*How many career operational firefighters were employed by the New Zealand Fire Service for the financial year ending 2005 to 2013 and 2015?*

Year	Total Career Firefighters
2004/05	1643
2005/06	1667
2006/07	1696
2007/08	1677
2008/09	1738
2009/10	1705
2010/11	1707
2011/12	1698
2012/13	1712
2013/14	1700
2014/15	1756

How many days sick leave were taken by career operational firefighters for the financial year ending 2005 to 2013 and 2015?

Year	No. sick days taken
2010/11	18710
2011/12	21972
2012/13	18389
2013/14	16582
2014/15	17803

N.B. Cannot provide data prior to 2010/11

How much overtime pay was paid to career operational firefighters for the financial year ending 2005 to 2013 and 2015 due to the absence of other career firefighters?

Year	Overtime pay paid due to absence of sick leave
2010/11	\$8,330,627.50
2011/12	\$10,070,866.20
2012/13	\$8,555,482.25
2013/14	\$7,958,566.80
2014/15	\$8,878,356.10

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2013/14 figure differs to the figure of \$6,041,889 reporting in your OIA request of November 2015.

Yours sincerely



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