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By email: [fyi-request-6479-ce7b77ae@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-6479-ce7b77ae@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Alan

**Information Request – Total number of Rural Fires and area Burnt for the years 2015 and 2016**

I refer to your official information request dated 28 August 2017 regarding Total number of Rural Fires and area Burnt for the years 2015 and 2016.

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982, the information you requested is contained within the table below for the 2015/16 financial year.

Type of Rural Fire Authority	No. of Fires	Grass Ha	Scrub Ha	Forest – Plantation Ha	Forest – Indigenous Ha	Total Ha
Department of Conservation	166	95.90	77.21	7.75	0.10	180.96
Territorial Authority	1,930	181.419	301.30	25.60	0	508.39
Rural Fire District	2,486	316.13	551.36	1949.59	1.5	2,818.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,582</b>	<b>593.52</b>	<b>929.87</b>	<b>1,982.94</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3,507.93</b>

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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