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By email: [fyi-request-6632-001291d7@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-6632-001291d7@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Alan

### Information Request – Operating Principles

I am writing in relation to your information request dated 4 October 2017 regarding Operating Principles.

The operating principles are currently being developed. The information you have requested therefore does not yet exist, and your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act.

To provide you with further context in terms of the information you have requested, please note that the requirement under section 13 of the Act for the Board to develop operating principles came into force on 1 July 2017. The provisions of the Act require consideration of a number of factors such as local interests and differences, and transparency in decision-making.

We enclose a copy of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand 2017-2018 Statement of Performance Expectations. One of the actions to support our strategic priority of “Organisational Health and Capability” is the development of an operating model, including the operating principles (refer pages 4 and 17).

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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