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By email: fyi-request-6821-ec4e0c30@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Alan

Port Hills Fires Response Costs

I am writing in relation to your information request dated 10 November 2017. In your request you asked for the costs incurred by the NZ Fire Service that are directly attributable to the Port Hills Fires response.

Your request has been assessed in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) and a decision made to refuse your request. This is because all information we have on costs associated with suppressing the Port Hills fires are publicly available.

As explained in our proactive release, any costs directly paid by the NZ Fire Service are recorded for a readiness perspective, not at the incident suppression or type of fire level, therefore we are unable to provide this information.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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