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Dear Penelope

Information Request – The number of residential house fires attended by the NZ Fire Service for the last 10 yrs (2007 - 2017) in the Auckland region

I refer to your official information requests dated 25 July 2018 requesting the following information:

Could you please provide the number of residential house fires attended by the New Zealand Fire Service for the last ten years (2007 - 2017) in the Auckland region?

I would like the following data to be included if possible:

- type of house: ownership, renting, rest home, state home
- the highest to lowest suburbs of fire incidents
- number of house fires that were preventable
- number of houses attended with working smoke alarms
- number of houses attended with smoke alarms but not working
- number of houses with fire safety mechanisms
- age, gender, and ethnicity of occupants involved
- household status: single parent, occupants with any disability, low income
- point of ignition
- cause of fire
- location of fire in the house
- injuries and fatalities

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982, I *enclose* the following information in response to your request:

- A summary of fires by ownership type
- A summary of fires by suburb
- A summary of fires by fire alarm presence and performance
- A summary of fires by the age of the person involved in ignition
- A summary of fires by the ethnicity of the person involved in ignition
- A summary of fires by the gender of the person involved in ignition
- A summary of fires by the location of the origin of the fire
- A summary of fires by fire cause
- A summary of casualties by injury severity

The following sections of your request are not specifically supported by the data we collect:

- The number of preventable house fires, although this may be assumed based on the fire causes provided.
- The number of houses with fire safety mechanisms, as we do not record this beyond the presence of a smoke alarm or other type of detector.
- The age, gender and ethnicity of occupants, as we only record this data for the person involved in the ignition of the fire or casualties.
- Household status, or demographics, are not recorded.
- Point of ignition and location of fire are both covered by our location of origin data and not recorded separately.

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. Note also that this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Fire and Emergency website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leigh Deuchars', is positioned above the typed name.

Leigh Deuchars
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