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Alan Thompson

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Dear Alan

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 13 January 2019. You requested the following:

- 1. With respect to forest and rural fire, what national meetings that involve the following parties (all or some of) has the Department of Conservation participated in as a formal party since 1 July 2017 (when FENZ came in being):*
 - NZ Federated Farmers
 - FENZ
 - FENZ Local Area Committees (Trials)
 - NZ Forest Owners Association
 - NZ Farm Forestry Association
 - NZ Defence Force.
- 2. For any of the above, please provide the dates and a copy of the minutes of each meeting.*

Previous responsibilities for the Department to maintain formal links for fire management with other parties such as Federated Farmers, Forest Owners Association, and the NZ Defence Force were no longer required when the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977 was repealed and replaced by the Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) Act 2017. While DOC still interacts with these other stakeholders, it is either in an informal manner or through meetings initiated and hosted by Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

The Department of Conservation maintains very strong links with Fire and Emergency New Zealand and meets regularly on a National basis, and "as required" on a regional basis with FENZ managers.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

Q1 - With respect to forest and rural fire, what national meetings that involve the following parties (all or some of) has the Department of Conservation participated in as a formal party since 1 July 2017 (when FENZ came in being):

***NZ Federated Farmers
FENZ
FENZ Local Area Committees (Trials)
NZ Forest Owners Association
NZ Farm Forestry Association
NZ Defence Force.***

Response:

With respect to forest and rural fire, DOC has:

- had no National Meetings with NZ Federated Farmers.
- met formally on nine occasions since the first of July 2017 with both National and Regional FENZ Teams.
- had no formal meetings as Local Area Committees
- had no National Meetings with NZ Forest Owners Association.
- had no National Meetings with NZ Farm Forestry Association.
- had no National Meetings with NZ Defence Force.

Q2 - For any of the above, please provide the dates and a copy of the minutes of each meeting.

Response:

- 19/9/2017 – DOC formally met with FENZ Region 2 managers
- 10/10/2017 – DOC formally met with FENZ National training manager
- 14/11/2017 – DOC formally met with FENZ Region 1 managers
- 9/2/2018 – DOC formally met with FENZ National Rural Managers (National Coordination)
- 2/3/2018 - DOC formally met with FENZ National Rural Managers (National Coordination)
- 6/6/2018 - DOC formally met with FENZ National Rural Managers (National Coordination)
- 4/7/2018 - DOC formally met with FENZ National Rural Managers (National Coordination)
- 6/9/2018 - DOC formally met with FENZ National Rural Managers (National Coordination)
- 6/12/2018 - DOC formally met with FENZ National Rural Managers (National Coordination)

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are attached:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Full date of document</i>	<i>Name of document. If a series of emails refer to it as emails on the topic</i>	<i>Released in full / Released in part -</i>
1	15/01/2016	DOCCM – 562956 Promulgated minutes of all formal meetings between DOC and FENZ	Released in full (attached below)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hilary Aikman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hilary" and the last name "Aikman" clearly distinguishable.

Hilary Aikman
Director National Operations
for Director-General

