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Information Request - Break down of OIA Requests

I refer to your official information request dated 8 June 2018 requesting statistics on OIA requests received by Fire and Emergency.

Fire and Emergency received 4335 requests for information in the two years to 31 May 2018. Our reporting system does not enable us to break down the requests received into provided in full, partial release, declined or extended. To provide this information would require a manual check of each of those files and cannot be provided without substantial collation.

The most common type of request made to Fire and Emergency is for incident reports from landowners or tenants to assist with insurance claims. Fire and Emergency mostly commonly redacts information under Section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons. This is largely due to the private information of 111 callers being recorded in the incident reports.

We share very few responses with our Minister. Occasionally responses to high profile requests will be shared with our Minister's office to ensure the Minister is informed.

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

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