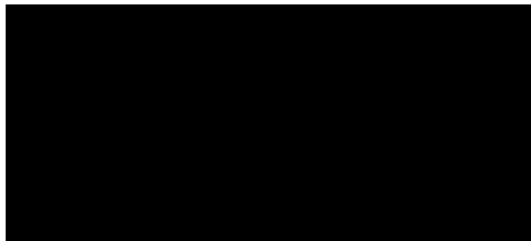


25 January 2019



**Information Request – Inquiry into the Disciplinary Processes of the NZ Fire Service**

I am writing in relation to your information request of 15 November 2018 and Amelia Dalley's subsequent letter to you of 12 December 2018.

We have made diligent inquiries in order to locate any information relevant to your request, including extensive reviews of archived material relating to the inquiry conducted by Helen Cull QC in 2001.

We have not been able to locate any information or documents that address the questions in your request, namely:

- Did Helen Cull QC declare an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest?
- Was she asked if she had an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest to declare?

A decision has consequently been made to refuse your request, on the basis of:

- section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), as documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, cannot be found; and
- section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Fire and Emergency New Zealand and there are no grounds to believe that the information is held by, or connected more closely with the functions of, another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation, or local authority.

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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