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Tēnā koe

Information Request – Approved fire station developments, nationwide

I refer to your official information request dated 28 April 2023 asking for all information we currently hold regarding planning of fire stations for a list of 18 stations. After some correspondence you refined your request to ask for details of all projects-in-flight or approved business cases for upcoming works nationwide.

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), please find below a detail list of the projects that fall within scope of your request, by region. Please note:

- Projects in-flight are those projects we have work underway on and approved business cases are those where we have an approval to get underway but are not yet at a stage where work has begun. The list includes both.
- The list only includes capital work and therefore does not include planned and programmed maintenance (PPM).
- There are no capital works that are either projects-in-flight or approved business cases in the Ngā Tai Ki Te Puku or Te Kei regions.

Te Hiku

1. Parnell

A new fire station is being built in Parnell where the old station was demolished, as it was no longer fit-for-purpose and an earthquake risk. It is currently in construction and is expected to be completed in 2024.

A new training tower is proposed to be attached to the west of the building. The new building will be two storeys in height and will have a maximum height of at least 9 metres with the tower having a maximum height of 12.5 metres.

The new building is designed to have two main areas. The first area, located to the north, will be two storied and contain the main living quarters and offices of the fire station. The front of the first area is setback from Balfour Road by at least 2 metres. The main living quarters have their main orientation to the north. At ground level, the main living areas will open out to a new outdoor BBQ area to the north facing the reserve. The second main area, located to the south, will be single storied and will contain the appliance bay to store the fire trucks. The front of the second area is setback from Balfour Road by at least 11 to 14 metres. Materials in the new build include precast panels, vertical cedar cladding, aluminium horizontal and vertical louvres, aluminium joinery, and steel roofing.

2. Otara

The Otara Fire Station has received a seismic upgrade and refurbishment because it was earthquake prone and the required age-related refurbishment. Reconfiguration of the station was required to accommodate the new decontamination zoning requirements and to become more ergonomic and fit for purpose. It was completed on 27 January 2023.

However, it is currently still in “defects stage”, hence the inclusion on this list. The ‘defects stage’ or liability period is an amount of time – often a year – during which if you notice anything wrong with the work done by contractors, or the materials they used, you can notify them of what is wrong, and they must put it right at their cost.

The seismic upgrade and refurbishments included the following:

- Removal of asbestos
- Half-life refurbishment of current fire station to ensure fit for purpose facility
- Ergonomically designed to meet decontamination zoning requirements
- Upgrade ablutions to accommodate non-gender specific firefighters (pod design)
- Upgrade bedrooms

3. Houhora

The Houhora Fire Station appliance bay is being demolished and a new one is being constructed because the existing bay poses health and safety risks to Fire and Emergency operational personnel. The new bay is designed to meet both NBS IL4 seismic requirements and Fire and Emergency design guidelines. This upgrade has been approved and is expected to be completed during 2024.

Te Upoko

4. Hastings

The Hastings Fire Station is receiving a seismic upgrade and refurbishment because it is earthquake prone and the required age-related refurbishment. This upgrade is currently in construction and is expected to be finished by February 2024.

The seismic upgrade and refurbishment include:

- Bedroom upgrade – windows, room heating, and ventilation
- Partial roof upgrade
- Office/admin area upgrade
- Kitchen upgrade

5. Waverly

The Waverly Fire Station is receiving an appliance bay extension to create a locker room. It is also having a fire alarm and smoke separation installed. It is getting these upgrades because of safety issues regarding personal protective equipment, and because there are inadequate transitional areas. These upgrades have been approved and are expected to be completed in October 2023.

6. Trentham

The Trentham Fire Station is undergoing an upgrade of the no longer fit-for-purpose bedroom areas. This upgrade includes seismic strengthening and enhanced fire separations. It has been approved and is expected to be completed during 2024.

Te Ihu

7. Kaiapoi

A new station is being built in Kaiapoi because the old Kaiapoi Fire Station was damaged beyond repair in the Canterbury earthquakes. It was also at the end of its service life. The new building is currently in construction and is expected to be completed in September 2023.

The new fire station has a floor area of 633m² and is comprised of 3 appliance bays, operational decontamination, storage and BA filling facilities, operations room, training room, separate kitchen/canteen space and associated personal decontamination/ablution facilities. There is also a resource garage which has a floor area of 130m². The station design is an asymmetrical gable form utilising portal frames for the structure. It is clad in a prefinished vertical aluminium weather board with >50-year durability and hardwood timber highlight elements with a forty-year durability, and insulated panel roof.

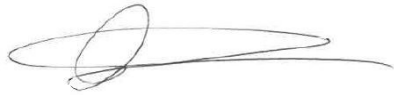
8. Kaikoura

A new station is being built in Kaikoura because the old Kaikoura Fire Station suffered structural damage because of the November 2016 Kaikoura 7.8 magnitude earthquake and required replacing. It was completed in late February 2023 and the brigade moved into the station on 4 March 2023. It is currently in defects stage.

The new fire station has a floor area of 650m² and is comprised of 3 appliance bays, operational decontamination, storage and BA filling facilities, operations room, training room, office, separate kitchen/canteen space and associated personal decontamination/ablution facilities. There is also a resource garage which has a floor area of 205m². The station design is an asymmetrical gable form utilising portal frames for the structure. It is clad in a prefinished vertical aluminium weather board with >50-year durability and hardwood timber highlight elements with a forty-year durability, and insulated panel roof.

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.

Nāku noa nā



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