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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 13 August 2024, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information relating to building fires in New Zealand:

1. *Specifically, I am requesting data on:*
 - *The number of major and minor building fires over the past five (05) years in New Zealand.*
 - *Locations where these fires occurred.*
 - *Identified causes of these fires.*
 - *Response times and outcomes of the emergency services.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Please find attached, as the **Appendix** to this response, data regarding all structural fires in the past five years.

We emailed you on 20 August 2024, asking for clarification of several aspects of this portion of your request. We did not receive a reply and were therefore unable to determine the meaning of *outcomes of the emergency services*. However, we have included a *flame damage* category to the data which gives an indication of the severity of the fire.

2. *Any relevant statistical data or reports that could assist in academic research.*

In our email of 20 August, we also asked you to clarify what information you were requesting for this portion of your request. Unfortunately, we did not receive a reply, so we have been unable to determine what information is being sought and this portion of your request has not been considered under the OIA. You are welcome to make a more specific request for further information in the future.

We trust that the information being provided is of assistance. If you require further information, please email officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz.

Please note that because of the identified public interest in the information that you have requested, we intend to publish this response (with your personal details removed) on our website.

Nāku noa, nā



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