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Fires		2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Vegetation Cause	Smoking and smouldering material	446	448	641	502	457	149	381	63	3,087
	Cooking / Warming	120	114	198	133	163	104	181	51	1,064
	Operating equipment and machinery	126	156	194	147	126	88	170	17	1,024
	Other causes not listed above	376	473	659	506	441	264	501	103	3,323
	Natural	84	95	152	82	92	67	102	20	694
	Electrical / Power Lines	180	189	283	192	197	113	201	29	1,384
	Outside Fire / Burn off	1,517	2,033	2,763	2,183	2,243	1,216	1,982	506	14,443
	Incendiarities / Suspicious	692	781	975	728	639	393	698	137	5,043
	Total	3,541	4,289	5,865	4,473	4,358	2,394	4,216	926	30,062
Other or Undetermined Cause	Undetermined	31		1	1					33
	Pyrophoric	1								1
	Failure to use ordinary care	2								2
	Exposure fire	94	115	175	136	136	73	153	26	908
	Friction (sparks etc.)	4			1					5
	Unable to classify	3								3
	Rekindled from previous fire, Re-ignition	4								4
	Total	139	115	176	138	136	73	153	26	956
Deliberately Lit Fire	Controlled burn, land clearing fire	58			3	1				62
	Unlawful	85			2					87
	Deliberately lit fire - not classified above	6								6
	Lawful	94								94
	Suspicious	52								52

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Deliberately Lit Fire	Legality not known	13	1							14
	Total	308	1		5	1				315
Carelessness with Heat Source	People playing with heat sources	2								2
	Inadequate control: openfires/ campfires/ bonfires	13								13
	Heat source too close to combustibles	4								4
	Careless disposal or use: cigarettes, ashes, embers	31				1				32
	Carelessness with heat source - Other	1								1
	Total	51				1				52
Not Recorded	Information not recorded	4	12	11		2	20		3	52
	Total	4	12	11		2	20		3	52
Natural Causes	High wind	10			2					12
	Extreme conditions - not classified above	2								2
	Lightning	4								4
	Total	16			2					18
Reckless (involving fire)	Reckless with fireworks	1								1
	Reckless act (involving fire)	6			1					7
	Total	7			1					8
Carelessness with Material Ignited	Carelessness with material ignited - other	5								5

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Carelessness with Material Ignited	People playing with combustibles	1								1
	Total	6								6
Mechanical Failure or Malfunction	Short circuit, earth fault	1								1
	Backfire	1								1
	Part failure, leak or break	4								4
	Total	6								6
Operating Failure	Equipment overloaded	1								1
	Collision, overturn, knockdown	1								1
	Total	2								2
Total		4,080	4,417	6,052	4,619	4,498	2,487	4,369	955	31,477

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Vegetation Source	Geothermal Activity		1		1		1	1		4
	Windrow / slash pile	194	300	413	421	416	227	334	123	2,428
	Chainsaws	3	12	13	6	7	8	15	2	66
	Matchers or Lighters(Suspicious)	541	653	772	637	567	335	607	127	4,239
	Welding, grinding, cutting	18	22	21	26	15	9	28	1	140
	Bark or sawdust spontaneous ignition	18	26	37	14	32	25	46	6	204
	Umu / Hangi	12	5	12	8	6	1	7		51
	Scrub and tussock burn	231	302	368	268	292	152	218	66	1,897
	Broadcast slash burn	26	27	29	29	26	21	23	14	195
	Crop burn	35	69	87	44	37	40	54	8	374
	BBQ	14	4	16	13	13	11	15	5	91
	Debris burning	342	503	703	574	610	346	542	132	3,752
	Electrical Fence	6	12	12	9	5	6	14		64
	Bee-Keeping smoking tool	2	2	5		2		1		12
	Clashing / Arching power lines	108	111	159	101	112	58	98	16	763
	Ropes / binding	1	1					2		4
	Skid site spontaneous ignition	4	2	12	9	5	6	2	3	43
	Mowers and slashers	34	31	56	37	37	19	49	5	268
	Farm machinery	20	22	30	24	15	23	40	4	178
	Exhaust heat / Spark	30	49	39	35	32	16	15	2	218
	Oil and gas exploration			1	2	1				4
	Motorbike, Truck or Car	15	16	27	14	15	8	16	3	114
	Malfunction	29	29	43	42	37	20	41	9	250
	Animals	9	11	17	8	5	5	10	1	66
	Maintenance crews		1	1		4	2	1		9
	Earthwork or forestry machinery	4	3	7	3	4	4	4		29
	Wood-fired pizza ovens			1						1

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Vegetation Source	Trees	28	25	51	32	34	22	37	3	232
	Hay/silage spontaneous ignition	15	26	46	24	33	14	24	4	186
	Birds nest	1					1	1		3
	Lantern			1						1
	Sky / Chinese lanterns				1			1		2
	Frost pots			1						1
	Total	1,740	2,265	2,980	2,382	2,362	1,380	2,246	534	15,889
Outside Fire	Outside bonfire	387	454	547	409	449	233	369	90	2,938
	Refuse burning	317	273	458	323	310	147	301	54	2,183
	Outside fire for cooking	2								2
	Outside fire for warmth / Campfire	98	105	168	112	144	92	158	46	923
	Outside fire - unable to classify	31			1					32
	Agricultural fire or burn off	78			1					79
	Total	913	832	1,173	846	903	472	828	190	6,157
Not Recorded	Information not recorded/Unknown	411	485	671	511	444	284	501	106	3,413
	Total	411	485	671	511	444	284	501	106	3,413
Cigarettes, Matches and Candles	Cigarette, Cigar or Smoking materials	340	292	395	294	269	68	193	32	1,883
	Candle							1		1
	Lighters	42			1					43
	Matches	34								34
	Cigarettes, matches and candles - Other	28								28
	Total	444	292	395	295	269	68	194	32	1,989
Hot Object	Embers, Ashes	129	141	231	194	178	76	181	29	1,159
	Re-ignition, Rekindle from previous fire	85	105	158	116	104	50	141	19	778
	Molten material: Hot glass, Brake shoes, Slag	2								2
	Hot object - not classified above	5								5
	Friction heat, Overheated tyres	1								1
	Total	222	246	389	310	282	126	322	48	1,945

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Exposure Fire	Exposure Fire - unable to classify	91	115	175	136	136	73	153	26	905
	Exposure fire: Direct burning (convection currents)	3								3
	Total	94	115	175	136	136	73	153	26	908
Explosives, Fire Works	Tracer ammunition	2	1	1	1	1	1	1		8
	Fireworks / Pyrotechnics	156	131	191	87	73	49	81	7	775
	Incendiary devices, Molotov cocktail	9	8	12	14	2	8	12	5	70
	Explosives, fuses, and associated equipment	1					1			2
	Flare: Warning, Safety, Boat	2	1	8	2	4	4	2		23
	Total	170	141	212	104	80	63	96	12	878
Natural Source	Solar heat: Sun (magnified through glass etc)	14	16	17	13	10	8	10	2	90
	Static electrical discharge				1					1
	Lightning discharge	36	24	40	21	12	13	19	5	170
	Spontaneous ignition; organic-hay, linseed oil etc	2	1							3
	Total	52	41	57	35	22	21	29	7	264
Unable to Classify	Unable to classify	22								22
	Total	22								22
Electrical Equipment	Short circuit arc: Unspecified	1								1
	Short circuit arc: Mechanical damage	1								1
	Arc from switch, electric fence or operating equip	1								1
	Arcing or overloaded electrical equipment - Other	4								4
	Arc from fault, Loose or broken conductor	3								3
	Total	10								10

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Gas or Liquid Fuel Powered Equipment	Gas or liquid fuel powered equipment - Other	1								1
	Gas or liquid cutting torch: Spark, Ember, Flame	1								1
	Total	2								2
Total		4,080	4,417	6,052	4,619	4,498	2,487	4,369	955	31,477