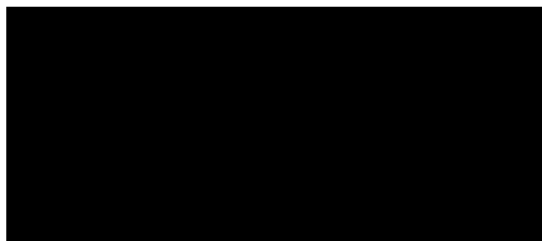




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Information Request – Statistics in fires starting in electrical switchboards

I refer to your official information request dated 11 April 2019 asking for the number of fires starting in electrical switchboards in the last 12 months.

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982, I *enclose* the information you requested.

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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OIA 2019-8458 - Fires involving electrical switchboards by fire cause

Between 01 May 2018 and 30 Apr 2019

Incident Type	Construction deficiency	Equipment overloaded	Friction (sparks etc.)	Installation deficiency	Mechanical failure, malfunction - Other	Short circuit, earth fault	Design, construction or installation fault - Other	Lack of maintenance	Other electrical failure	Part failure, leak or break	
Structure fire with damage	1	4		1	1	4			12		23
Structure fire with no damage		2	1			5	2	1	9	2	22
	1	6	1	1	1	9	2	1	21	2	45