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By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Information Request – Appliances and Age, Efficacy

I refer to your official information request dated 20 April 2023 asking for the following regarding appliances.

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), Fire and Emergency response to each of your requests is below.

- 1. Please provide data on how old each fire appliance is, sorted by station, and further sorted by region.**

Please see *enclosed* for the age, and the location details of our appliances.

- 2. How many appliances, including pumps, have broken down in the past five years? Is this up from the five years prior to this?**

Our records system does not distinguish between faults and breakdowns, and does not record the location, or date of any breakdowns. We hold information on invoices for repairs of individual appliances. However, to create a data set of the total number of repairs we would have to manually check each appliance's invoices and collate the repairs information. In our view, we would be creating information to respond to your request in full. On that basis, we do not hold the information you have requested, and this aspect of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA.

3. How many years old does an appliance, including a pump, have to be before it is fully replaced?

There is no strict age at which an appliance is required to be replaced and therefore your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA. While there is no strict replacement age, our appliances have a target asset life of 20 to 25 years.

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.

Nāku noa nā



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