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Information Request – Christchurch Appliances and Stations

I refer to your official information request dated 2 August 2023 asking information regarding Christchurch appliances and stations.

- *the rationale for bringing in a new fire appliance*
- *where that truck will be stationed.*
- *the pre-earthquake makeup of chch metropolitan stations and fire appliances, and subsequent change-ups.*
- *identify any gaps in stations and/or appliances*
- *any issues regarding FENZ's ability to respond to current and future fire event demand*
- *statistical analysis (between 2010 to now) of FENZ's Chch metropolitan service for:*
 - *fire emergencies*
 - *non-fire emergency callsouts*
 - *other work*
 - *the distribution of work between the metro area and beyond*
 - *the weighting/demand of work between stations in Chch*
- *future demand predicted and funding required from central government to fulfil those needs.*

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), please find below a response to your request.

The rationale for bringing in a new fire appliance and where that truck will be stationed?

Please find *enclosed* appendix 1 and 2 which provide information around the fleet procurement and allocation policy as well as the associated schedule.

What was the pre-earthquake makeup of Christchurch Metropolitan stations and fire appliances, and subsequent change-ups?

We have interpreted 'Christchurch Metropolitan' to be referring to the Christchurch Territorial Land Authority (TLA). The information on stations and appliances provided are within the Christchurch TLA.

Please find *enclosed* appendix 3 which provides information on the current and pre-earthquake makeup of the Christchurch Territorial Stations. Please note, some stations have closed, others have shifted, been renamed, and appliance locations have changed over this period.

Are there any identified gaps in stations and/or appliances?

We have interpreted this question to mean any stations where the approved number of appliances at a station is greater than the current number of appliances at a station. Currently we have formal appliance allocations for appliance Type 1, Type 2, Type 3, aerial appliances and hazmat command units. On this basis there are no gaps. Please note that four Type 3 appliances are allocated to Christchurch City station including three relief/call back appliances. Currently two of these are located at Christchurch City Station and the others dispersed to other stations.

Are there any issues regarding FENZ's ability to respond to current and future fire event demand?

There are no issues regarding Fire and Emergency's ability to respond within the Christchurch TLA. Within Christchurch City, Fire and Emergency has seven career stations with additional support available from surrounding volunteer stations.

Statistical analysis (between 2010 to now) of FENZ's Chch metropolitan service for:

- *fire emergencies*
- *non-fire emergency callsouts*
- *other work*
- *the distribution of work between the metro area and beyond*
- *the weighting/demand of work between stations in Chch*

Please find *enclosed* appendix 4 which provides data regarding call outs attended by all stations within the Christchurch Territorial Land Authority between 2010 to present. This data speaks to how the work is distributed across the metro area and beyond as well as the weighting/demand of work between stations.

What are the future demand predicted and funding required from central government to fulfil those needs?

Fire and Emergency is mainly funded by the Fire and Emergency Levy. The levy comes from insurance taken out on property that is insured against the risk of fire. The Levy provides around 95 percent of funding for our operations and is designed to ensure New Zealand has a modern, fit for purpose, and well-funded fire service. There is not a direct correlation between areas the levy is collected from versus where it is invested – this is assessed on a national basis.

As we are a national organisation that assess needs and resourcing across all New Zealand, we tailor our funding and resourcing based on community need. Fire and Emergency is working

closely with the Department of Internal Affairs to promote a fit for purpose levy regime that enables Fire and Emergency to deliver for the future.

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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