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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 22 January 2026 to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting statistical information about fire incidents under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). We copy and respond to each aspect of your request below.

1. *A breakdown of the number of fire incidents attended by FENZ over the last 1–5 years (please specify calendar or financial years).*

For each of those years, the number of incidents categorised by industry sector or business type (for example: manufacturing, retail, hospitality, agriculture, residential/commercial premises, etc.), according to the industry classification used in FENZ records.

Please find attached, as an **Appendix** to this response, a breakdown of all fires from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025.

2. *If available, the rate of incidents per industry relative to number of businesses or other relevant exposure metrics.*

We can advise that we do not hold rates of incidents relative to the number of businesses. For this reason, this aspect of your request is being refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Saunders', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Aidan Saunders
Manager, Information Requests

