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Dear Allan Thompson

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 23 April 2019 for “a summary of the total costs that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) incurred in their response to the Tasman Fires that commenced on 5th February 2019”. You advised on 7 May 2019 that you intended to request the costs incurred by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), rather than those incurred by MBIE.

MPI incurred the following costs in responding to the Tasman Fires, which are released to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Summary of MPI Costs on Tasman Fires Response February 2019	
Description	Amount
MPI staff costs	\$268,595
Support costs	\$95,351
Travel, Accommodation, Property and other costs	\$50,783
Total Response	\$414,729

Staff costs have been estimated based on hours reported by the 52 MPI staff and contractors involved in the response, including specialist veterinarians and animal welfare experts. The support costs reflect the funding provided to the Tasman District Council and the Top of the South Rural Support Trust to assist them in helping farmers to protect stock and recover from the damage caused by the fires. Please note that all amounts include an additional twenty percent to reflect the costs which are still being processed or are yet to be filed.

Yours sincerely

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