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Dear Alan

Information Request – Tangoio Fire Costs

I refer to your official information request dated 23 September 2020 asking for a detailed breakdown of the costs that Fire and Emergency New Zealand incurred in controlling and suppressing a vegetation fire that occurred in Tangoio on 6 January 2020.

The following table shows a breakdown of the costs associated with the above fire as at the end of September 2020.

F2919712 Tangoio District, Hawkes Bay	\$ Costs
External firefighting services	552,726
Hire of Aerial Services	465,798
Plant & Equipment Hire - Operational	418,881
Volunteer payments	76,023
Travel & Accommodation & Meals	31,722
Firefighting foam	26,605
Incident catering	15,043
Occupancy costs	4,910
Fuel	3,337
Employee payments	3,187
Other supplies	618
Miscellaneous costs	567
Laundry costs	542
Operational equipment maintenance	473
Fleet repairs and maintenance	18
Total	1,599,832

External firefighting services are those resources that are not owned or, in the case of people, are not employed by Fire and Emergency. They may include forestry company or Department of Conservation personnel, and operators of heavy equipment such as diggers, bulldozers, water tankers, etc.

Volunteer payments may include reimbursements for mileage, parking, petrol, travel costs or meals.

Employee payments may include payments for overtime, travel reimbursements and salary.

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.

Yours sincerely



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