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Dear Alan

**Information Request** – Lake Ohau Village fire costs

I refer to your official information request dated 18 March 2021 asking for the following information:

*Under the provisions of the Official Information Act I request a detailed breakdown of the costs that FENZ incurred in controlling and suppressing the Lake Ohau Fire.*

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982, I have set out below the information you requested. The table shows the invoiced costs to 21 March 2021 for the fire. It is possible that total costs may increase as additional invoices are received. Please note that the invoices represent the additional cost we incur beyond our fixed cost of maintaining a response capability.

<b>F3088958 - Lake Ohau fire costs to 21 March 2021</b>	
Hire of aerial services	\$ 702,718
Employee payments	\$ 185,273
Volunteer payments	\$ 125,010
External fire-fighting services	\$ 95,268
Plant and equipment hire - operational	\$ 68,637
Travel, accommodation and meals	\$ 58,302
Foam/retardant	\$ 52,203
Incident catering	\$ 48,146
Fuel	\$ 1,442
Other costs	\$ 4,934
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,341,933</b>

Employee payments may include payments for overtime, travel reimbursements and salary. Volunteer payments may include reimbursements for mileage, parking, petrol, travel costs or meals.

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.

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](http://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.

Yours sincerely



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