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Dear Christian

Information Request – AFAC Contracts and SMS Reports

I refer to your official information request dated 06 May 2021 asking for the following information:

- 1. A copy of all current contracts, agreements, and similar FENZ has with the Australasian Fire Authorities Council (AFAC).*
- 2. A copy of all historical contracts, agreements, and similar FENZ has with AFAC extending back to 1 January 2015.*
- 3. A copy of the SMS reports for incidents with CAD numbers F2716928 and F2866954.*
- 4. A copy of the information supplied to Worksafe for incidents F2716928 and F2866954.*

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982, I *enclose* a copy of the information we have identified as being within the scope of points 1 and 2 of your request. These are:

- AFAC NZICC Agreement for provision of review services
- AFAC PHF Agreement for provision of review services
- AFAC representation as a council sponsor.

Some information has been redacted under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of individuals identified in the report and under section 9(2)(b)(ii) as its release would be likely to unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand's relationship with AFAC is one of membership of AFAC as a collective body, not a contractual relationship with a singular organisation. New Zealand is one of the 32 members of AFAC. AFAC facilitates and supports inter-agency engagement, enabling members to jointly consider common challenges, generate solutions, develop doctrine including positions, guidelines and technical notes, and inspire new directions in practice through its collaboration model. This model encourages member agencies to work together, often in bi-lateral

or multilateral arrangements rather than through AFAC. You can find more information about how the model works at: <https://www.afac.com.au/teams>

Fire and Emergency therefore does not have an ongoing, over-arching contract with AFAC, but does pay annual subscription fees.

To address point 3, I *enclose* the SMS Incident Reports for incidents F2716928 and F2866954. Some information has been redacted under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of individuals identified in the reports.

Please note the SMS Incident Report provided to you is generated by Fire and Emergency New Zealand's electronic station management system (SMS Report). In SMS Reports, 'Notifications' and 'Message Log' fields are reported in real time as fire crews and our communication centres communicate with each other during the incident. They are not the official final records of incidents but word for word transcripts of 'live' situations as they occur. They may contain spelling errors or commonly used abbreviations.

To address point 4, I also *enclose* the information Fire and Emergency supplied to WorkSafe about incident F2866954. Some information has been redacted under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of individuals. The notification for F2866954 was made by phone and your request for a copy of this information is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(e) as it does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. 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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