



National Headquarters

Level 12
80 The Terrace
PO Box 2133
Wellington
New Zealand

Phone +64 4 496 3600

15 September 2022

Alan Thompson

By email: fyi-request-20277-2ed039e8@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Alan

Information Request – Matakana Fire Costs

I refer to your official information request dated 18 August 2022 asking for the following information:

...a detailed breakdown of the costs that FENZ incurred in controlling and suppressing the Matakana Fire...

A breakdown of the costs associated with this fire is *enclosed* as appendix 1. The table shows the costs for the fire, excluding GST. These costs represent the additional cost we incur beyond our fixed cost of maintaining a response capability.

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

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

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia McCook-Weir'.

Julia McCook-Weir
Manager, Information Requests

Appendix 1.

F3138746 - Matakana Island - 13 December 2020	
Hire of Aerial Services	406,256
External Firefighting Services	224,184
Plant & Equipment Hire - Operational	175,233
Volunteer payments	109,046
Employee payments	32,221
Incident catering	13,888
Travel & Accommodation & Meals	4,694
Other supplies	2,141
Computer & communications equipment costs	2,017
Miscellaneous costs	1,526
Fuel	547
Occupancy	318
Printing and Stationery	153
Other supplies	22
Total	972,245

