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Tēnā koe Alan

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 17 May 2023 in which you asked for:

*“Under the provisions of the Official Information Act can you please supply me with the following information:*

- 1. The Dept of Conservation expenditure on Fire Control for the FY2022/23.*
- 2. The Dept of Conservation's fire suppression costs for attendance at fires which originated on DOC land for the period FY2022/23.*
- 3. The Dept of Conservation's fire suppression costs for attendance at fires that did not originate on DOC land for the period FY2022/23.*
- 4. A breakdown of the fire suppression costs that DOC recovered or intend to recover from FENZ for the period FY2022/23.*
- 5. The payment made to FENZ for the period 2022/23 as an annual contribution to fire control costs on DOC lands.”*

We provide fire control services to Fire and Emergency NZ, as agreed in the 2021 Operational Services Agreement between the organisations. It has been noted that the nature of this request is consistent with requests you have made annually for the last few years. The figures have been calculated in the same manner as those provided in 2021/22.

Please note, the Department's financial year runs from 1 July to 30 June, and we have rounded our costs to the \$1,000. Some figures will not capture all costs for fires attended during the 2022/23 financial year, as some of the costs are still being processed.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

- 1. The Department of Conservation's expenditure on Fire Control for the FY2022/23.*
  - Our total expenditure for fire control during the 2022/23 financial year was \$1,790,000. Please note that in this response expenditure for fire control has been limited to fire suppression (i.e., detecting, controlling, and putting out fire) as fire prevention could be considered to include a variety of our business-as-usual tasks.

2. *The Department of Conservation's fire suppression costs for attendance at fires which originated on DOC land for the period FY2022/23.*

- Our total fire suppression costs for attendance at fires that originated on Public Conservation Land during the 2022/23 financial year was \$1,789,000. This includes Fire and Emergency NZ attendance costs charged to the Department.

3. *The Department of Conservation's fire suppression costs for attendance at fires that did not originate on DOC land for the period FY2022/23.*

- Our total fire suppression costs for attendance at fires that did not originate on Public Conservation Land during the 2022/23 financial year was \$1,000. This total excludes Departmental costs recovered or intended to be recovered from Fire and Emergency NZ.

4. *A breakdown of the fire suppression costs that DOC recovered or intend to recover from FENZ for the period FY2022/23.*

- A breakdown of the fire suppression costs that the Department recovered or intends to recover from Fire and Emergency NZ for the 2022/23 is outline below:
  - Personnel \$ 21,000
  - Equipment and vehicles \$ 2,000
  - Third party costs (consumables) \$ 0Total = \$ 23,000

5. *The payment made to FENZ for the period 2022/23 as an annual contribution to fire control costs on DOC lands.*

- We made a payment of \$1,000,000 (excluding GST) to Fire and Emergency NZ for the 2022/23 financial year as a contribution for the non-fire suppression services they provide.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Department's website.

If you wish to discuss this with the Department, please contact Aroha Hughes, National Fire Manager on 027 202 2971 or by email [arhughes@doc.govt.nz](mailto:arhughes@doc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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