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Tēnā koe Nighthawk 8291

Thank you for your original request of 1 March 2024, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1. I would like a transcript and copy of all communications between Trevor Booth (fire force controller) and members of the voluntary Wakari brigade between starting his role as fire force controller up until the present time*
- 2. I would also like a disclosure on the number of disciplinary incidents he has be involved with in his time as fire force controller in comparison with previous fire force controllers*

Thank you for providing evidence that you meet the criteria under section 12 of the OIA on 6 March 2024. On 30 March 2024, you wrote to us providing:

I have refined my request. Please acknowledge and advise me if you require an extension. If you do not respond I will believe that you do not require an extension and I will pursue the matter further with the Ombudsman

We understand from this message that you may have expected our response to you. However, as evidence of you meeting the criteria was received on 6 March 2024, this means that the statutory time limit for us to provide our response to you is due no later than 5 April 2024.

As you say, we also wrote to you on 21 March 2023 to seek refinement of your request. Thank you for confirming that you are requesting the following information:

- I would like to refine my request further, to correspondence between March 2024 and January 2022. Communications relating to training attendance and operational requirements.*

This letter is to advise that Fire and Emergency needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 20 working days, pursuant to section 15A(1)(a) of the OIA, as consultations

necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. For this reason, you can expect to receive our response no later than 3 May 2024. We will endeavour to respond sooner than this date if possible. If you no longer require this information, please let us know.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review our decision, and further information is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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