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Tēnā koe Alan

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 7 August 2021.

Request

You requested the following:

1. *The Dept of Conservation expenditure on Fire Control for the FY2020/21.*
2. *The Dept of Conservation's fire suppression costs for attendance at fires which originated on DOC land for the period FY2020/21.*
3. *The Dept of Conservation's fire suppression costs for attendance at fires that did not originate on DOC land for the period FY2020/21.*
4. *A breakdown of the fire suppression costs that DOC recovered or intend to recover from FENZ for the period FY2020/21.*

Department response

The nature of your request seeks information concerning the Department's fire control costs and reflects a type of request that you have made annually for the last few years. In responding, the Department has taken into account its earlier responses so as to ensure the underlying basis for the figures relayed to you align, with appropriate commentary also provided.

Following your numbering, for the 2020/21 financial year, the Department responds as below.

Question 1

The Department's expenditure on fire control for the 2020/21 financial year was \$4,919,000.

This is comprised of \$2,708,000 (Readiness), \$2,071,000 (Fires on public conservation land (PCL)) and \$140,000 (Fires off PCL).

Question 2

The Department's fire suppression costs for attendance at fires which originated on PCL for the 2020/21 financial year were \$2,071,000.

This includes Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) attendance costs, charged to the Department. Please note that this figure may not capture all costs for fires attended for the 2020/21 financial year, where those costs have not yet been concluded.

Question 3

The Department's fire suppression costs for attendance at fires that did not originate on PCL for 2020/21 financial year was \$140,000.

Question 4

A breakdown of the fire suppression costs that the Department recovered or intends to recover from FENZ for the 2020/21 financial year is outlined below:

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| • Personnel | \$134,508 |
| • Equipment / Vehicles | \$12,263 |
| • Consumables (food supplies) | <u>\$1,081</u> |
| | Total = \$147,852 |

Points to note regarding figures supplied above

The Department's financial year runs from 1 July to 30 June.

The figures provided for Questions 1 to 3 have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

Consideration for proactive release

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

If you wish to discuss this with the Department, please contact Ian Imrie, National Fire Manager by email at iimrie@doc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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