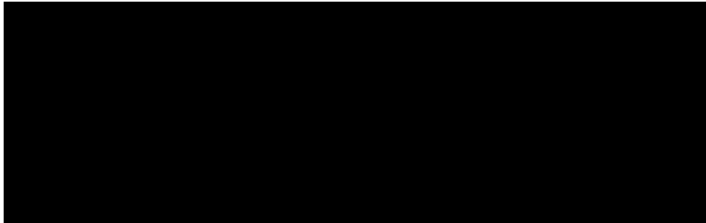




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Information Request – Tiwai and Wanaka Fires clarification

I refer to your email dated 7 September 2018 asking for the following clarification in relation to our letter dated 3 September 2018.

- 1. News reporting stated that 4 helicopters worked on the Tiwai fire and the information you provided includes costs for Foam (\$885). The costs you set out do not however include any numbers for Helicopter services. Can you please advise then where the costs of the helicopters engaged for Tiwai are included in the information as provided.*
- 2. You have advised that the Wanaka fire included \$393,540 of helicopter services. However, no costs for foam (for the bucket drops) are included in the table of costs. Could you please confirm where the foam costs for Wanaka are represented.*

It has come to my attention that the information we provided you with about the cost of the Tiwai Fire related to an earlier fire on 30 November 2017 at the same address. The following table shows the cost of that and the 22 January 2018 fire.

	F2428613 – Tiwai Rd fire 30.11.17	F2465494 – Tiwai Rd fire 22.1.18
Volunteer Payments	\$211	\$5093
Contractors	0	\$660
Plant & Equip Hire-Operational	\$2,550	0
Hire of Aerial Services	0	\$249,430
External Firefighting Services	\$41,161	\$102,546
Foam	\$885	\$10,549
Operational Equipment <\$1000	0	0
Airfares Domestic	0	0
Mileage, Accommodation & Meals	\$2213	\$3,417
Incident Catering	0	\$492
Total	\$47,020	\$372,187

In terms of the Wanaka Fire, a recheck of our financial and incident management records show foam was used by both aerial and ground crews during this fire campaign, at a cost of \$17,220. Please accept my apologies for the errors.

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. Note also that this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Fire and Emergency website.

Yours sincerely



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