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Dear Phil,

Official Information Act Request – #12370 Facilities

Thank you for the request received on 1 May 2019, and your subsequent email on 3 May 2019 made under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982. Your request was as follows:

“...I request you provide to RNZ for the period start-of-2016 till May 1, 2019:

- A summary of any advice, or warnings, or actions over firestopping or passive fire measures, from the territorial authority(ies) that oversees the BWOFF for any of your hospital bldgs (I presume this is Hamilton City Council) to the DHB, for this period*
- Copies of any correspondence concerning firestopping or passive fire measures, in any respect, between the DHB (or its agent) and the TA(s), for this period*

Also, for all your IL4 and IL3 buildings:

- A summary of the latest professional assessment(s), if any, done for the DHB about the state of firestopping in each bldg, including any list that refers to each defect*
- A summary from DHB facilities work programmes, showing any work of any kind re firestopping (eg remediation, but not limited to that) at any of these bldgs for the period start of 2010 till May 1 2019*
 - That has been done*
 - That has been scheduled*
 - That the DHB knows needs to be done but has not been scheduled*
 - That the TA has asked to be done*
- A timeline showing what the DHB has done about firestopping covering all major developments, TA interactions and reports*

And to cover any work around smoke sealing (just in case this is defined or mentioned separately from firestopping or passive fire)...”

- 1. A summary of any advice, or warnings, or actions over firestopping or passive fire measures, from the territorial authority(ies) that oversees the BWOFF for any of your hospital buildings (I presume this is Hamilton City Council) to the DHB, for this period**

Waikato DHB has large number of buildings of various vintages dating back to last century. It is acknowledged that a number have fire penetration issues which we are addressing. These issues are brought to our attention by Independent Qualified Persons (IQP's) undertaking annual inspections as part of the Building WOF (BWOFF) process. Waikato DHB has engaged with Hamilton City Council on a number of occasions to discuss the issues and agree priority and plan of works. During this period Waikato DHB has not been served with any formal



notices, advice or actions required by HCC in regard to this issue.

2. Copies of any correspondence concerning firestopping or passive fire measures, in any respect, between the DHB (or its agent) and the TA(s), for this period.

Attached, combined as one file, in order of oldest to newest.

3. A summary of the latest professional assessment(s), if any, done for the DHB about the state of firestopping in each bldg, including any list that refers to each defect.

Various assessments underway resulting from IQP inspections. Refer IL3 / IL4 spreadsheet and IL3 /IL4 defect spreadsheet attached.

4. A summary from DHB facilities work programmes, showing any work of any kind re firestopping (eg remediation, but not limited to that) at any of these bldgs for the period start of 2010 till May 1 2019

a. That has been done.

Fire penetration remedial work is an on-going program of work. All buildings subject to BWOF are inspected every year. Reinspection often results in new defects being identified. The most recent building to be completed in its entirety is the 10 level Menzies building following a circa 6 year program of work. The most recent inspection has identified more penetration issues which we are addressing.

b. That has been scheduled.

Remedial work has been scheduled in: OPRS Building, Meade Clinical Centre, Campbell Johnstone Building, Hockin Building, Acute Services Building & Menzies Building. Surveys are scheduled in Elizabeth Rothwell Building. A new Fire Engineering design review is underway for the Lomas building.

c. That the DHB knows needs to be done but has not been scheduled.

The most recent IQP inspection identified issues at Matariki, Rhoda Read, Thames Hospital and Te Kuiti hospital. Surveys will be commissioned in the new financial year.

d. That the TA has asked to be done.

None.

5. A timeline showing what the DHB has done about firestopping covering all major developments, TA interactions and reports.

The DHB does not hold the information that you have requested in the final bullet point. This part of your request has therefore been refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act. However, the data supplied is in chronological order which may assist you in this regard.

I trust this answers all your questions.

Kind regards



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