

**Freedom of Information request reference number:** 8337.2 & 8466.1

**Date of response:** 18/03/2022

**Request:**

Reports of a fire at Launderers Lane in Rainham, east London: Is it possible, in the first instance, to please clarify how you came to the cost of responding to each incident (i.e., could you explain in layman's terms what "time spent at incident multiplied by notional annual cost of a pump" means in as much detail as you can?

For a new request, could you please provide the same information but for the month of January 2024 and the first two weeks of February 2024? Separately, could you please detail what the injury was that was inflicted as a result of the fire on the 4th of June 2022? Could you also please break down all of the specific costs (i.e., staff costs, equipment costs, fuel costs etc) of the response to the fire on the 5th of July 2019 which cost the LFB £407,687?

If there is time under the act, could you please also send me any internal emails sent between Andy Roe and Dominic Ellis about the LFB's response to incidents at Launderers Lane in Rainham. Please search "Launderers Lane" and "Rainham" when looking for these emails sent in 2023. I would appreciate it if you could please tell me if this last part of the request will trigger S12 if it is obvious it will. In that case, I would like you to please ignore it or search for a shorter time period (instead of waiting 20 working days to reject the entire request).

**Response:**

Please note that our response covers both FOIA 8337.2 and your new information request FOIA8466.1. For ease of reference your questions and answers are listed in the response below

*For the month of January 2024 and the first two weeks of February 2024: please tell me each occasion your fire and rescue service responded to reports of a fire at Launderers Lane in Rainham, east London, over this period? Please tell me the date of the incident, the cost (£) to the LFB of responding to each incident (if known) and how many deaths/injuries were caused by the incident. Please send me fire and incident reports for each incident.*

There were no fires attended by the LFB at the Launderers Lane waste site during this period

*Could you please detail what the injury was that was inflicted as a result of the fire on the 4th of June 2022?*

A Firefighter attending the incident injured their ankle on the uneven ground

*Could you also please break down all of the specific costs (i.e. staff costs, equipment costs, fuel costs etc) of the response to the fire on the 5th of July 2019 which cost the LFB £407,687?*

The 'costs' shown are a notional cost to illustrate the resources required for attending emergencies. The LFB is a fully funded public service and there are no direct costs to providing any of its emergency functions at individual incidents. Our illustrative costs are provided to give context to our service provision. They are calculated on the basis of the amount of time fire engines are in attendance on scene of incidents. We use a simple calculation to determine the hourly rate; which is the total budget for the LFB, divided by the number of fire engines in service (142), divided by the number of hours in the year. This simple calculation is intended to illustrate the cost of making a fire engine available to respond including all of the costs of the staff, equipment, buildings and support functions.

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We do not hold any internal emails sent in 2023, between Andy Roe and Dominic Ellis about the LFB response to incidents at Landers Lane in Rainham.

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Please also see the response to Q3 above. Our mobilising system records when fire engines (and other resources) are despatched to, and return from, emergency calls. We aggregate the time each fire engine is on scene at an incident and multiple that by the hour rate to give the notional cost of attending.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>