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Dear Rodney

Thank you for your letter of 2 May 2008 about a range of issues raised by Mr Leo Koppens in relation to the fire at the IcePak Coolstore at Tamahere.

Many of the issues raised fall within the portfolio areas of my colleagues the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Building and Construction. In regard to those issues I have therefore referred your letter to those Ministers for their separate reply.

On the remaining issues (your numbers 3, 7, and 8), which relate to my responsibility for the New Zealand Fire Service Commission, it would be premature for me to make comment at this point. As you will be aware, currently there are several inquiries into aspects of the fire and I need to be informed by these before I can address the issues you raise. You can be assured that I will attend to any issues of public interest related to the provision of fire services which may arise from the inquiries.

I have copied this reply to the Ministers for the Environment and, for Building and Construction.

Yours sincerely

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