



Freedom of Information Request FOI 19 52

Foam used for fire fighting

Query and response:

What type of foam do you use for firefighting? i.e. AFFF / AFFF

Synthetic, Hi Expansion and AR-AFFF.

What is the name of the manufacturer of the foam?

Angus Fire

What is the cost of the foam per litre?

We are exempting the cost of foam per litre. This is because this information is deemed to be commercially sensitive to Angus Fire and, as a result, it is exempt from disclosure under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that:

"Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)".

In this case, disclosure of the information would be likely to negatively affect Angus Fire's ability to participate competitively in a commercial activity.

This exemption is subject to the public interest test.

There is an inherent public interest in ensuring that there is openness and transparency in how much we spend on foam to fight fires, which is likely to increase confidence that we are indeed achieving best value for money.

However, there would be harm to Angus Fire's interest if a breakdown of foam costs per litre were to be made public. This information would allow competitors an unfair advantage in future tender competitions. It would give them detailed information on how Angus Fire's prices are constructed, thereby allowing them to adjust their sell price accordingly to win any business that Angus Fire may be bidding for.

What is the lifespan of the foam?

The standard lifespan is 15 years and it is tested annually thereafter.

When does the majority or all of the foam reach its end of life and will have to be disposed of? What rough date would this be?



At least 13 years.

How much does it cost to dispose of the foam per litre?

This information is not held.

How much foam stock how you got in litres in your brigade

Approximately 12,000 litres held on different appliances at numerous locations.

Has your brigade got access to any other foam, i.e bulk storage, if so how much is in bulk storage?

No

Does your brigade have any plans to purchase any other type of foam in the future, if so what type of foam would this be and how much per litre would this be?

No