

Below is the information we would like to obtain from you under the Freedom of Information Act.

Specifically, we would like to know how many (a) wholetime firefighter, (b) retained firefighter, (c) fire control room, (d) support staff and (e) total staff there were employed in your Fire and Rescue Service, measured by headcount, on 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2024.

We also request the (f) number of wholetime firefighters employed by your fire and rescue service as of 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2024 (headcount) that also work a retained contract, and therefore could be described as “wholetime-retained”. To clarify, we only request the number of wholetime firefighters with an additional retained contract – we are not asking whether it is with your own or another fire and rescue service.

We would appreciate a table for the respective years detailing the data in the following format:

1) How many people were employed by the fire and rescue service (headcount) in the following roles on 31 March 2023:

	Headcount
Wholetime	396
Retained	598
Control	34
Support	317
Total	1345
Wholetime-retained	95

2) How many people were employed by the fire and rescue service (headcount) in the following roles on 31 March 2024:

	Headcount
Wholetime	388
Retained	587
Control	32
Support	323
Total	1330
Wholetime-retained	97

Please note this is the same criteria used for reporting to governments.