

Tynwald Written Answer

W-202201-0419 Michelle Haywood MHK, has asked the Minister for Justice & Home Affairs
Written Question

What was the cost of the 20 call outs in 2022 for the IOM Fire and Rescue Service to fires caused by the Steam Railway? Revised wording

Revised question

What the cost and time taken was to the 20 call outs for the IOM Fire and Rescue Service to steam railway related fires. How much IOMFRS time was spent fighting these fires in 2022?

There were 33 separate fire incidents on, or adjacent to, the railway line between Douglas and Port Erin that required fire and rescue attendance between 1st January and 18th October 2022 which were recorded as Steam Railway related incidents.

The approximate time spent by the Fire and Rescue Service attending those incidents was 52 hours with a total cost of £11,165.

The cause of each incident cannot be definitively attributed to the Steam Railway, but the origin is recorded by the Fire and Rescue Service as being the Steam Railway when it appears to be the only possible visible cause. The Fire and Rescue Service and Isle of Man Transport have worked in close collaboration over many years to reduce the impact and number of fires, and continue to do so.