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HOME EVALUATION SAFETY CHECKS – EVALUATION

The Fire Service is conducting an evaluation project using contestable research funding. Evaluation Consult (EC) - an independent Wellington based research company - will be running the project. It is looking at the overall effectiveness of the Home Fire Safety Checks programme. There are many components to the research, including working with some recipients of the checks to determine if it has improved their fire safety knowledge and behaviour.

To fully evaluate the programme we also need the input of frontline firefighters and officers to understand how it works from those who arrange and complete the checks. This input will help the evaluation team understand the experience of staff asked to do the work. All input from individuals is voluntary, and confidential to EC. Only EC will know who said what – responses will be anonymous to the NZFS.

By firefighters and officers contributing to the evaluation, they will be helping to shape the way programmes like this are delivered in the future. This will help to ensure engagement with the delivery arm of the Fire Service occurs as programmes are being designed. Input from the frontline is important in making programmes relevant and achievable, for both customers receiving them and our people. You will be helping to shape the future of what we do and how we do it.

The project has the support of NZFS and PFU and we would appreciate your participation if approached by Evaluation Consult, and in giving honest and frank responses.

Questions about the research can be directed to Kerry Stewart or Megan Dromgool in the first instance.

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