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Request:

The number of fires caused by tumble dryers for Hotpoint, Indesit, Proline, Swan and Creda (all brands manufactured by Whirlpool) manufactured between April 04 – October 2015 and subject to safety notice issued on 23rd Nov 2015. Please provide this as a breakdown by month for 2004 -2017:

- The number of fires in the jurisdiction of the fire service identified or suspected to be caused by the above driers
- The resources utilised by each fire service in extinguishing these fires (e.g. Firefighters, support vehicles, breathing apparatus, fire pump equipment etc.)
- A cost estimate to each fire service for the resources utilised
- How many instances of loss of life or injury have been caused by or suspected to be caused, or suspected to be caused by these dryers identified above

For all tumble dryers (all brands) please provide the details below:

- The number of fires in the jurisdiction of the fire service identified or suspected to be caused by driers
- The resources utilised by each fire service in extinguishing these fires (e.g. Firefighters, support vehicles, breathing apparatus, fire pump equipment etc.)
- How many instances of loss of life or injury have been caused by or suspected to be caused, or suspected to be caused by tumble driers as above.

Response:

Please see the attached spreadsheet which contains information relating to your request. It is important to note that we have had to apply caveats to our information.

- The number of firefighters in attendance is assuming that 4 firefighters would ride on an appliance. Historical data does not always contain staffing information.
- The appliance make/model is not always recorded in our systems so the figures on the specific makes may not be accurate.

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