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Tim Selwyn
via requests@fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Selwyn

I refer to your request of 8 July 2020, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following:

Please provide information on all NZDF aircraft flights which [occurred] over the Eastern Bay of Plenty (incl. coastline) since 2015 to the present date. Please include the time, flight path, type of aircraft and purpose of each flight and who requested and who ordered it and the result or report on the outcome of each flight in particular any aircraft activity which occurred around Opotiki on 24 - 28 March 2020.

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) does not maintain records of flight paths. This aspect of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA, as the NZDF does not hold the requested information. There were, however, no NZDF aircraft tasked in the vicinity of Opotiki on or around 24-28 March 2020.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely

AJ WOODS

As Air Commodore
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