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Tēnā koe Oscar

Official information request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request dated 10 May 2022. You requested (numbering added):

"I request the following information for the past 5 year period.

- 1. How many drone safety reports have been received.
- 2. A breakdown/summary for the reason of the safety report.
- 3. How many occurrence reports have been received.
- 4. A breakdown/summary for the reason of the occurrence report.
- 5. A breakdown/summary for the result of both reports (wrong information/warning/prosecution etc).
- 6. Number of drone related convictions and the conviction/sentencing result."
- 1. Over the past 5 years, how many drone safety reports have been received.

From 2017 to May 2022 3011 RPAS-related reports or complaints have been received by the CAA.

Year	RPAS Reports Received Annually
2017	363
2018	506
2019	469
2020	679
2021	690
2022 (to May)	304
Grand Total	3011

2. A breakdown/summary for the reason of the safety report.



A table of RPAS occurrence reports by report type is below. Please note that many reports/complaints feature multiple elements that can't be captured under one single 'type', so these are coded based upon the most substantive of the reported issues.

RPAS Report Type	RPAS Reports Received Annually from 2017 - May 2022 by Report Type
Consent of people under flight path not obtained	1460
Other	358
Within 4km of aerodrome	297
Operating in controlled airspace without clearance	253
Air proximity	222
Hazardous operation	216
Night flying	127
Crash	78
Grand Total	3011

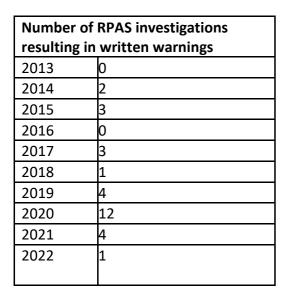
- 3. How many occurrence reports have been received
- 4. A breakdown/summary for the reason of the occurrence report.

As per questions 1 and 2 above.

- 5. A breakdown/summary for the result of both reports (wrong information/warning/prosecution etc).

 and
- 6. Number of drone related convictions and the conviction/sentencing result

Please find 3 tables below which outlines the number of RPAS investigations which have resulted in written warnings, infringement notices, and prosecutions.



CAĀ	
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF NEW ZEALAND	
Te Mana Rererangi Tūmatanui o Aotearoa	

Number of RPAS investigations		
resulting in infringement notices		
2013	0	
2014	2	
2015	3	
2016	2	
2017	8	
2018	8	
2019	4	
2020	15	
2021	3	
2022	3	

Number of RPAS investigations resulting in prosecution		
2013	0	
2014	0	
2015	0	
2016	1	
2017	0	
2018	0	
2019	0	
2020	0	
2021	1	
2022	0	



If you wish to discuss any element of your request, please contact oia@caa.govt.nz

Nāku noa, nā

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