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Dear Mr Mackay

## **TRANSFER OF YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 1 March 2017, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*copies of all NZDF documentation relating to RNZAF Safety Reporting System Event 2323/16 reported AUG16 and involving an inadvertent 4-year cumulative exposure to toxic chemicals and/or fumes at Whenuapai Airbase.*

*I request details of any advice received from Worksafe NZ in relation to this event, and details of the chemicals involved, including any DASH analysis relating to the scope and severity of exposure.*

*I also request details of the scope of medical tests carried out on personnel, including a list of any specific chemicals tested for, and any non-identifying details of the results.*

*Finally, I would like to ask details on rectification action(s) carried out since AUG16.*

The information you have requested is more closely connected with the work of the New Zealand Defence Force. Accordingly, I am transferring your request to the New Zealand Defence Force in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

  
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