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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 6 October 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

- 1. All records of transfer of soil from Ohakea air force base to Bulls housing estates managed under the NZDF*
- 2. Any records of PFOS/PFAS contamination, including records of use for foam containing, in teh areas where soil was transferred from, prior to the transfer of soils found in 1. above*

Despite searches for the information you have requested, the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), which includes the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF), does not hold any records of transfer of soil from RNZAF Base Ohakea to the Bulls Housing Estate. Consequently, the NZDF has no records of any soil containing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances being transferred to the Bulls Housing Estate. Note, the Bulls Housing Estate was fully developed prior to introduction of Aqueous Film Forming Foam for firefighting purposes at Ohakea. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) as the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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