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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 26 February 2023 sent to the Ministry of Justice requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA),

*Can I have all email communication and internal agendas/communications between government agencies including Hobsonville/Whenuapai Airbase and others on any weather manipulation/modification technologies being used across New Zealand including cloud seeding and other technologies.*

*Can I have all Hobsonville/Whenuapai Airbase military flight logs and reason for flights prior to the Auckland Floods in mid January/ early February 2023.*

The New Zealand Defence Force does not undertake missions as you have described. Therefore your request for communications about weather manipulation/modification technologies is declined under section 18(g) of the OIA.

A list of flights departing or arriving at Whenuapai airbase between 15 January and 27 January is at Enclosure 1. This list shows the scheduling, flight purpose and the type of aircraft used. Flight times are not available for all flights. The following table explains the abbreviations of the airport codes used in the "Route" column of the enclosure.

Code	Location
NZKK	Kerikeri
NZHN	Hamilton
NZCH	Christchurch
NGTA	Tarawa

Code	Location
NZWP/WH2G	Whenuapai
NFFN	Nadi, Fiji
NZOH	Ohakea
NZWB	Woodbourne

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

**AJ WOODS**  
Air Commodore  
Chief of Staff HQNZDF

**Enclosure:**

1. List of flights

**Flight Movements for WHENUAPAI  
Mon 15 Jan 2023 to Fri 27 Jan 2023**

Date	Aircraft	ETD	Route	ETA	Tasking
15-Jan-23	BOEING	1500	NZWP - NZCH		Youth Development Unit Transport
15-Jan-23	KA350		NZHN - NZWP	1715	42sqn Gen Task - Spt To Black Falcons
15-Jan-23	KA350	1755	NZWP - NZOH		42sqn Gen Task - Spt To Black Falcons
16-Jan-23	P3K2	800	NZWP - NGTA		National Contingency - Tarawa Search And Rescue
16-Jan-23	BOEING		NZOH - NZWP	1130	Youth Development Unit Transport
16-Jan-23	BOEING	1600	NZWP - NZOH		C130 Replacement
16-Jan-23	BOEING		NZOH - NZWP	2225	C130 Replacement
16-Jan-23	C-208B	900	- WH2G	924	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
16-Jan-23	C-208B	1000	- WH2G	1024	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
16-Jan-23	C-208B	1300	- WH2G	1324	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
16-Jan-23	C-208B	1415	- WH2G	1439	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
16-Jan-23	C-208B	1515	- WH2G	1539	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
16-Jan-23	C-208B	1610	- WH2G	1628	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
17-Jan-23	P3K2		NFFN - NZWP	1930	Maritime Patrol
17-Jan-23	HERCULES	900	NZWP – NZWP	1000	Training 1
17-Jan-23	C-208B	900	- WH2G	924	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
17-Jan-23	C-208B	1000	- WH2G	1024	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
17-Jan-23	SH-2G(I)	1130	NZWP - NZWP	1330	Maintenance Check Flight
17-Jan-23	C-208B	1115	- WH2G	1133	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
17-Jan-23	C-208B	1315	- WH2G	1327	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
17-Jan-23	C-208B	1400	- WH2G	1418	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
17-Jan-23	C-208B	1500	- WH2G	1518	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
18-Jan-23	HERCULES	1000	NZWP - NZWB		Freight Move
18-Jan-23	TEXAN		NZKK - NZWP	1300	Training 2
18-Jan-23			NZWB - NZWP	1330	Freight Move
18-Jan-23	TEXAN	1500	NZWP - NZOH		Training 2
18-Jan-23	C-208B	900	- WH2G	924	Display Course 23/1
18-Jan-23	C-208B	1000	- WH2G	1024	Display Course 23/1
18-Jan-23	C-208B	1100	- WH2G	1124	Display Course 23/1

18-Jan-23	C-208B	1300	- WH2G	1324	Display Course 23/1
18-Jan-23	HERCULES	1500	NZWP - NZWP	1545	School to Skies
18-Jan-23	C-208B	1515	- WH2G	1533	Display Course 23/1
18-Jan-23	HERCULES	1600	NZWP - NZWP	1645	School to Skies
18-Jan-23	SH-2G(I)	1700	NZWP - NZWP	1800	Maintenance Check Flight
19-Jan-23	C-208B	900	- WH2G	924	Kiwi Blue Course 23/1
19-Jan-23	SH-2G(I)	1000	NZWP - NZWP	1100	Maintenance Check Flight C Profile
19-Jan-23	C-208B	1000	- WH2G	1024	Kiwi Blue Course 23/1
19-Jan-23	P3K2	1100	NZWP - NZWP	1300	Formation Blue 2
19-Jan-23	P3K2	1100	NZWP - NZWP	1300	Formation Blue 1
19-Jan-23	P3K2	1100	NZWP - NZWP	1300	Formation Blue 3
19-Jan-23	C-208B	1115	- WH2G	1139	Kiwi Blue Course 23/1
19-Jan-23	HERCULES	1300	NZWP - NZWP	1430	Display
19-Jan-23	C-208B	1305	- WH2G	1329	Kiwi Blue Course 23/1
19-Jan-23	C-208B	1530	- WH2G	1554	Kiwi Blue Course 23/1
19-Jan-23	SH-2G(I)	1930	NZWP - NZWP	2130	Circuits, RADAR Apps, Loads, Autos
20-Jan-23	HERCULES	800	NZWP - NIUE		MFAT NIUE
20-Jan-23	BOEING	830	NZWP - NZOH		Scheduled Air Transport
20-Jan-23	TEXAN		NZOH - NZWP	900	OH-WP
20-Jan-23	TEXAN	1430	NZWP - NZOH		Training 4
20-Jan-23	BOEING		NZOH - NZWP	1700	Scheduled Air Transport
20-Jan-23	HERCULES		NIUE - NZWP	1940	MFAT NIUE
20-Jan-23	C-208B	900	- WH2G	924	Display Course 23/1
20-Jan-23	HERCULES	1000	NZWP - NZWP	1130	Missing Wingman Trust 1
20-Jan-23	C-208B	1000	- WH2G	1024	Display Course 23/1
20-Jan-23	HERCULES	1030	NZWP - NZWP	1200	Display
20-Jan-23	HERCULES	1115	NZWP - NZWP	1230	Training 1
20-Jan-23	HERCULES	1300	NZWP - NZWP	1430	Missing Wingman Trust 2
20-Jan-23	SH-2G(I)	1330	NZWP - NZWP	1430	Maintenance Check Flight- Autos + Vibe Survey
20-Jan-23	C-208B	1400	- WH2G	1436	Display Course 23/1
20-Jan-23	C-208B	1530	- WH2G	1600	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
21-Jan-23	HERCULES	1045	NZWP - NZWP	1125	Family Day HERC #1
21-Jan-23	P3K2	1100	NZWP - NZWP	1130	Family Day Flights Crew A
21-Jan-23	BOEING	1100	NZWP - NZWP	1200	Family Day 757 #1

21-Jan-23	P3K2	1135	NZWP - NZWP	1205	Family Day Crew B
21-Jan-23	HERCULES	1145	NZWP - NZWP	1225	Family Day HERC #2
21-Jan-23	P3K2	1215	NZWP - NZWP	1245	Family Day Crew A
21-Jan-23	HERCULES	1245	NZWP - NZWP	1325	Family Day HERC #3
21-Jan-23	P3K2	1250	NZWP - NZWP	1320	Family Day Crew B
21-Jan-23	BOEING	1300	NZWP - NZWP	400	Family Day 757 #2
21-Jan-23	P3K2	1330	NZWP - NZWP	1400	Family Day Crew A
21-Jan-23	HERCULES	1345	NZWP - NZWP	1425	Family Day HERC #4
21-Jan-23	P3K2	1405	NZWP - NZWP	1435	Family Day Crew B
21-Jan-23	P3K2	1445	NZWP - NZWP	1515	Family Day Crew A
21-Jan-23	HERCULES	1445	NZWP - NZWP	1525	Family Day HERC #5
21-Jan-23	P3K2	1520	NZWP - NZWP	1550	Family Day Crew B
21-Jan-23	P3K2	1635	NZWP - NZWP	1705	Family Day Crew B
22-Jan-23	HERCULES	800	NZWP - NFFN		C130 Asia Trainer
23-Jan-23	BOEING	830	NZWP - NZOH		Scheduled Air Transport
23-Jan-23	BOEING		NZOH - NZWP	1700	Scheduled Air Transport
23-Jan-23	C-208B	900	- WH2G	900	23/1 Parachute Display Course
23-Jan-23	HERCULES	900	NZWP - NZWP	1000	Mon Para 1
23-Jan-23	C-130H (NZ)	900	- WH2G	942	23/1 Parachute Display Course
23-Jan-23	HERCULES	1100	NZWP - NZWP	1200	Mon Para 2-4
23-Jan-23	HERCULES	1130	NZWP - NZWP	1300	Training 5
23-Jan-23	C-130H (NZ)	1100	- WH2G	1142	23/1 Parachute Display Course
23-Jan-23	SH-2G(I)	1200	NZWP - NZWP	1330	currency/currency check
23-Jan-23	HERCULES	1300	NZWP - NZWP	1400	Mon Para 2-4
23-Jan-23		1300	- WH2G	1330	23/01 Kiwi Blue Display course
23-Jan-23	SH-2G(I)	1400	NZWP - NZWP	1500	Embark Canterbury
23-Jan-23	HERCULES	1500	NZWP - NZWP	1600	Mon Para 2-4
23-Jan-23		1500	- WH2G	1530	23/01 Kiwi Blue Display course
24-Jan-23	KA350		NZOH - NZWP	730	Sqn Gen - Flying Training Wing Personnel Aviation medicine Refresher
24-Jan-23	KA350	810	NZWP - NZOH		Sqn Gen - Flying Training Wing Personnel Aviation medicine Refresher
24-Jan-23	P3K2	1015	NZWP - NZWB		Formation Blue 3
24-Jan-23	KA350		NZWB - NZWP	1855	Sqn Gen - Flying Training Wing Personnel Aviation medicine Refresher / Spt To 5sqn
24-Jan-23	KA350	1935	NZWP - NZOH		Sqn Gen - Flying Training Wing Personnel Aviation medicine Refresher / Spt To 5 S Flight traing qn

24-Jan-23	HERCULES	900	NZWP - NZWP	1000	Tues Para 1 And 2
24-Jan-23	C-130H (NZ)	900	- WH2G	936	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
24-Jan-23	P3K2	1000	NZWP - NZWP	1500	Formation Blue 1
24-Jan-23	P3K2	1015	NZWP - NZWP	1515	Formation Blue 2
24-Jan-23	HERCULES	1100	NZWP - NZWP	1200	Tues Para 1 And 2
24-Jan-23	SH-2G(I)	1330	NZWP - NZWP	1430	Maintenance Check Flight
24-Jan-23	HERCULES	1330	NZWP - NZWP	1600	P3 Formation
25-Jan-23	KA350		NZWB - NZWP	1725	Support To Mao Quality Management Team
25-Jan-23	KA350	1805	NZWP - NZOH		Support To Mao Quality Management Team
25-Jan-23	1030		NZWP - NZWP	1200	C&D Maintenance Check Flight Profile
25-Jan-23	HERCULES	1100	NZWP - NZWP	1145	Wed Para
25-Jan-23	1100		- WH2G	1136	23/1 Parachute Display Course
25-Jan-23	HERCULES	1300	NZWP - NZWP	1345	Wed Para
25-Jan-23	C-130H (NZ)	1300	- WH2G	1336	23/1 Parachute Display Course
25-Jan-23	SH-2G(I)	1430	NZWP - NZWP	1518	C&D Maintenance Check Flight Profile
25-Jan-23	HERCULES	1500	NZWP - NZWP	1545	Wed Para
25-Jan-23	C-130H (NZ)	1430	- WH2G	1500	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
26-Jan-23	HERCULES	715	NZWP - NZWB		Phase Delivery
26-Jan-23	HERCULES	900	NZWP - NZWP	1000	Para
26-Jan-23	C-130H (NZ)	900	- WH2A	1000	Parachute Training Support Unit Training
26-Jan-23	SH-2G(I)	1000	NZWP - NZWP	1100	Hover Check/ Autos/
26-Jan-23	HERCULES	1100	NZWP - NZWP	1200	Para
26-Jan-23	SH-2G(I)	1400	NZWP - NZWP	1500	Hover Check/ Autos/
27-Jan-23		830	NZWP - NZOH		Scheduled Air Transport
27-Jan-23	HERCULES	905	NZWP - NFFN		Op Mahi Tahī Recce Redeploy