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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 8 March 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *any records in the possession, custody or control of the NZDF for the aerial spraying over the Auckland Region of New Zealand.*

The New Zealand Defence Force does not conduct aerial spray operations. Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information you have requested does not exist.

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 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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