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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your request to the Civil Aviation Authority for *copies of the Incident Reports concerning the "Significant number of Flight Safety Events" mentioned in the Additional Context and also in the email from the NZDF dated 8 SEP 20*. Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence force (NZDF) in accordance with section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). On 18 July 2023, you confirmed that you were only interested in receiving incident reports concerning the buzz and break procedure for the five years prior to September 2020.

There was a single incident reported in 2016 concerning a buzz and break procedure. The information is recorded in Flight Safety Event (FSE) Reports and these reports are withheld in full in accordance with section 9(2)(c) of the OIA. The Flight Safety Event reporting is used for the investigation of all accidents, incidents and hazards that affect, or have the potential to affect, the safety of flight and by definition the safety of the general public. Flight safety material is only to be used for the intended purpose in order to protect the integrity of what is an effective safety management system.

To meet the public interest in the particular 2016 event, the following information is provided: there was a miscommunication between a Texan II aircraft and air traffic control concerning the circuit direction at Royal New Zealand Air Force Base Ohakea.

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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