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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 27 July 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

A list of all instances of when the Defence Force explosive ordnance disposal team has been called for since January 1, 2023.

Can this have when and where each instance was, what the incident was and what action was taken.

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) maintains an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) capability with personnel throughout New Zealand. EOD capability is based in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. From 1 January to 27 July 2023, the NZDF EOD team undertook 67 operational tasks in New Zealand.

Enclosed is information regarding: callouts for Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (IEDD); callouts for Conventional Munitions Disposal (CMD); and callouts for items containing Chemical, Biological, Radiological, or Explosive items (CBRE). Details about explosives or chemicals used in explosive devices encountered by the NZDF in EOD callouts, and the render safe procedures, are withheld in accordance with sections 6(a) and 6(d) of the OIA, as making this information available would likely prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand, and endanger individual safety.

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

AJ WOODS

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Enclosure:

1. NZDF callouts IEDD, CMD and CBRE

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Response Element	DTG Found/Reportec	Task Type	Region
Southern	29/01/2023 11:00	IEDD - IED	Canterbury/Christchurch
Southern	9/02/2023 8:00	IEDD - HOAX	Canterbury/Christchurch
Northern	1/03/2023 6:00	IEDD - FIND	Auckland
Central	7/03/2023 18:00	IEDD - FALSE	Wellington
Northern	16/03/2023 21:00	IEDD - IED	Central North Island
Southern	23/03/2023 20:30	IEDD - FIND	Canterbury/Christchurch
Southern	2/04/2023 20:00	IEDD - FIND	Canterbury/Christchurch
Northern	12/04/2023 7:00	IEDD - FIND	Auckland
Northern	12/04/2023 20:00	IEDD - FALSE	Auckland
Central	25/05/2023 16:00	IEDD - FALSE	Wellington
Northern	26/05/2023 8:30	IEDD - IED	Auckland
Southern	9/06/2023 14:30	IEDD - IED	Canterbury/Christchurch
Northern	6/07/2023 10:30	IEDD - FIND	Auckland
Northern	19/07/2023 16:50	IEDD - FALSE	Waikato
Northern	27/07/2023 9:00	IEDD - IED	Northland
Northern	11/01/2023 16:30	CMD - INERT	Auckland
Southern	21/01/2023 12:00	CMD - INERT	Canterbury/Christchurch
Northern	1/02/2023 15:00	CMD - LIVE	Auckland
Southern	3/02/2023 14:00	CMD - LIVE	Canterbury/Christchurch
Southern	4/02/2023 21:00	CMD - LIVE	Canterbury/Christchurch
Central	4/02/2023 15:00	CMD - LIVE	Manawatu
Northern	6/02/2023 14:00	CMD - INERT	Auckland
Northern	11/02/2023 14:00	CMD - LIVE	Auckland
Northern	18/02/2023 11:15	CMD - INERT	Auckland
Central	18/02/2023 12:00	CMD - LIVE	Lower North Island
Northern	25/02/2023 12:45	CMD - LIVE	Bay Of Plenty
Central	28/02/2023 14:00	CMD - LIVE	Wellington
Southern	3/03/2023 9:00	CMD - INERT	Lower South Island
Central	3/03/2023 14:10	CMD - LIVE	Wellington
Northern	6/03/2023 13:25	CMD - INERT	Auckland
Northern	13/03/2023 12:10	CMD - INERT	Coromandel
Central	29/03/2023 13:35	CMD - LIVE	Manawatu
Northern	29/03/2023 16:30	CMD - INERT	Auckland
Central	30/03/2023 14:40	CMD - INERT	Lower North Island
Northern	2/04/2023 13:10	CMD - FALSE	Auckland
Southern	2/04/2023 17:30	CMD - LIVE	Tasmen
Southern	13/04/2023 10:45	CMD - LIVE	Canterbury/Christchurch
Central	11/04/2023 11:45	CMD - LIVE	Manawatu
Northern	12/04/2023 16:00	CMD - INERT	Auckland
Central	27/04/2023 16:00	CMD - INERT	Manawatu
Northern	30/04/2023 9:40	CMD - INERT	Auckland
Central	30/04/2023 16:00	CMD - LIVE	Wellington
Northern	4/05/2023 13:55	CMD - LIVE	Auckland
Northern	6/05/2023 11:50	CMD - INERT	Coromandel
Northern	9/05/2023 17:30	CMD - LIVE	Waikato
Central	22/05/2023 15:45	CMD - LIVE	Taranaki
Central	29/05/2023 13:25	CMD - LIVE	Manawatu
Northern	1/06/2023 17:00	CMD - LIVE	Auckland
Northern	8/06/2023 10:40	CMD - LIVE	Bay Of Plenty

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Northern	11/06/2023 17:00	CMD - LIVE	Waikato
Central	24/06/2023 19:30	CMD - LIVE	Wellington
Central	27/06/2023 10:00	CMD - INERT	Lower North Island
Northern	4/07/2023 13:00	CMD - LIVE	Auckland
Central	6/07/2023 12:40	CMD - INERT	Lower North Island
Southern	6/07/2023 15:00	CMD - INERT	Otago
Northern	7/07/2023 16:00	CMD - LIVE	Waikato
Central	16/07/2023 8:25	CMD - LIVE	Wellington
Central	17/07/2023 12:10	CMD - INERT	Wellington
Southern	17/07/2023 12:00	CMD - LIVE	West Coast
Central	18/07/2023 7:50	CMD - LIVE	Wellington
Northern	18/07/2023 19:00	CMD - LIVE	Waikato
Southern	20/07/2023 15:00	CMD - INERT	Canterbury/Christchurch
Southern	22/07/2023 15:00	CMD - LIVE	Canterbury/Christchurch
Central	26/07/2023 9:00	CMD - INERT	Lower North Island
Central	2/02/2023 2:00	CBRE - LIVE	Wellington
Central	16/02/2023 10:15	CBRE - HOAX	Wellington
Central	4/07/2023 13:00	CBRE - FALSE	Wellington