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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 12 March 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Hello, I am requesting the number of emergency call-outs that each of the following base or camp fire brigades received from the 1st of January to the 31st of December 2023.

RNZAF Base Auckland (Whenuapai)

RNZAF Base Ohakea

RNZAF Base Woodbourne

Waiouru Military Camp

Linton Military Camp

Burnham Military Camp

I'm also requesting a basic breakdown of the callouts that each of those camps or bases received such as fires, car accidents, false alarms, medicals and other calls (i.e hazmat/special service calls, aircraft standbys/crashes) and how many were on or off there base/camp

2. In 2021 it was announced that the RNZAF was going to receive several Oshkosh fire appliances to replace the ARFF trucks.

I understand that Woodbourne has had them for a while and I am wanting to know if those 2 appliances are in operation. When will Ohakea and Whenuapai be receiving theirs and when are they protected to be in operation by?

Information related to Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) and New Zealand Army emergency call outs is at Enclosure 1.

RNZAF Woodbourne base received 2 Oshkosh Striker Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicles in 2022. They are currently in the final phase of an extensive Operational Testing and Evaluation period, prior to being released into full operational service. A type and date for replacement vehicles at RNZAF Auckland and Ohakea is yet to be confirmed.

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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Enclosure:

1. Breakdown of RNZAF and New Zealand Army emergency call-outs

Royal New Zealand Air Force and New Zealand Army fire emergency call outs from 1 January to 31 December 2023

Call out	Ohakea	Woodbourne	Auckland	Linton	Burnham	Waiouru	Within NZDF area	Outside NZDF area
Medical assistance	0	6	6	5	10	4	13	18
Rescue	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
Fire (vehicle fire, vegetation fire, house fire)	1	64	28	12	33	31	60	109
False alarm	34	0	29	74	151	52	153	187
Motor vehicle accident	0	10	15	10	44	17	0	96
Hazardous material incident (fuel spill)	0	3	6	1	1	1	8	4
Aircraft responses (Takeoffs, landing,	1	59	93	0	0	6	148	11
Sprinkler activation	0	2	8	0	0	0	2	8
Other events (animal rescue, fallen tree, smoke showing, private fire alarms, natural disaster)	0	7	90	1	25	3	48	78
Standby	9	0	6	0	0	0	6	9
Total	45	152	284	103	264	114	438	524