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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 8 April 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information regarding

This is a request for clarification of official information under the under the Official Information Act 1982 in relation to Whenuapai Base Flights.

We request the following information:

- The total flights taken from this base between 2017-2023. Please then break this down by each year within that period.*
- The total flights that include members of parliament over those years. Please then break down this by each year within that period.*
- A year by year breakdown of every flight taken by the Prime Minister. For the year 2023 please give a breakdown of this by month.*

The total number of flights that departed Base Auckland from 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2023 is provided in the table below. Note, it does not include foreign military or civilian aircraft movements.

Year	Flights
2017	1,247
2018	1,113
2019	1,451
2020	1,421
2021	1,154
2022	1,137
2023	966
Total	8,489

The total number of flights the Prime Minister and Ministers took that departed from Base Auckland during this period is provided in the table below.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Prime Minister	1	2	9	5	4	18	14
Minister of Foreign Affairs	0	0	2	0	0	2	2
Ministers	4	3	0	4	1	5	4
Total	5	5	11	9	5	25	20

The total number of flights the Prime Minister took in 2023, broken down by month, is provided in the table below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total	1	6	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	14

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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