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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 14 February 2023 requesting: *which element of the RNZAF is responsible for receiving requests from New Zealand Government organisation including but not limited to agencies and ministries for requests for assistance to utilise RNZAF personal and air assets (Aircraft, manned and unmanned) for that organisations needs?* Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Requests from the proper civil authorities for New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) assistance are considered by Headquarters NZDF. The responsibility for the deployment of NZDF elements (aircraft, ships, vehicles, personnel, etc) is the responsibility of Headquarters Joint Forces New Zealand.

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](http://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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