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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 29 May 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

- 1. Please provide the flight history of NZ4801 since its arrival in New Zealand.*
- 2. Please provide the voyage history of HMNZS Aotearoa, HMNZS Manawanui, HMNZS Te Kaha, HMNZS Te Mana for the last three years.*

The flight history of the Royal New Zealand Air Force P-8A Poseidon aircraft, tail number NZ4801, is at enclosure 1.

Overseas voyages for each of the Royal New Zealand Navy ships listed in your request is at enclosure 2. These listed voyages include time in New Zealand waters. When not undertaking these voyages, the ships were engaged in maintenance, training, sea trials, visits and disaster response contingencies. A full itinerary of all sailings for these ships is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA.

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

Air Commodore
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Enclosures:

1. NZ4801 flight history
2. Lists of voyages

Flight history of Royal New Zealand Air Force P-8A, tail number NZ4801

Flight Date	Flight Duration (hours)	Duty type
10/12/2022	5.7	Transit
11/12/2022	6.6	Transit
12/12/2022	2.9	Transit
25/01/2023	4.7	Continuation Training
27/01/2023	4.5	Continuation Training
02/02/2023	5.9	Continuation Training
10/02/2023	5.5	Continuation Training
15/02/2023	4.0	Continuation Training
16/02/2023	5.1	Continuation Training
17/02/2023	5.1	Continuation Training
22/02/2023	4.5	Continuation Training
23/02/2023	4.8	Continuation Training
24/02/2023	4.6	Continuation Training
25/02/2023	4.8	Continuation Training
07/03/2023	4.6	Continuation Training
07/03/2023	4.7	Continuation Training
09/03/2023	5.1	Continuation Training
09/03/2023	4.7	Continuation Training
14/03/2023	4.4	Transit
16/03/2023	4.1	Continuation Training
17/03/2023	4.5	Continuation Training
19/03/2023	3.9	Transit
03/04/2023	2.8	Continuation Training
12/04/2023	5.0	Continuation Training
13/04/2023	6.2	Trials
17/04/2023	4.1	Continuation Training
19/04/2023	2.8	Continuation Training
21/04/2023	5.6	Continuation Training
25/04/2023	6.3	South Pacific Surveillance and Reconnaissance
26/04/2023	6.9	South Pacific Surveillance and Reconnaissance
27/04/2023	6.4	South Pacific Surveillance and Reconnaissance
11/05/2023	6.9	Continuation Training
12/05/2023	5.4	Search and Rescue
15/05/2023	6.9	Continuation Training
17/05/2023	6.7	South Pacific Surveillance and Reconnaissance
18/05/2023	5.9	South Pacific Surveillance and Reconnaissance
22/05/2023	7.0	Trials
23/05/2023	6.8	Trials
24/05/2023	7.4	Trials
25/05/2023	5.7	Continuation Training
26/05/2023	5.8	Continuation Training
28/05/2023	4.4	Trials

Voyages of HMNZS Te Mana Jan 2020 to May 2023

Voyage Dates	Voyage Details
1/1/2020 to 30/5/2022	In Canada for Frigate Systems Upgrade and testing
1/6/2022 to 8/07/2022	Returning to New Zealand via San Diego and Hawaii
8/10/2022 to 25/11/2022	Australia for training

Voyages of HMNZS Te Kaha Jan 2020 to May 2023

Voyage Dates	Voyage Details
1/1/2020 to 30/11/2020	In Canada for Frigate Systems Upgrade and testing
1/12/2020 to 8/12/2020	Returning to New Zealand via Hawaii
6/09/2021 to 28/11/2021	Sailing to Guam, Malaysia and Singapore for participation in Exercise Bersama Gold 21, returning via Australia

Voyages of HMNZS Aotearoa

Voyage Dates	Voyage Details
10/06/2020 to 26/06/2020	Delivery passage to New Zealand
15/02/2021 to 31/03/2021	East Coast of Australia for fleet certification
6/09/2021 to 6/11/2021	Sailing to Guam, Malaysia and Singapore for participation in Exercise Bersama Gold 21, returning via Australia
19/01/2022 to 30/01/2022	Tonga, eruption and tsunami response.
1/02/2022 to 24/02/2022	Antarctica
13/06/2022 to 29/08/2022	Hawaii, participating in The Rim of the Pacific Exercise 22 (Ex RIMPAC 22), followed by diplomatic visits to Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, and Japan to attend the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force's Annual Review.

Voyages of HMNZS Manawanui

30/07/2020 to 14/09/2020	Hawaii, participating in The Rim of the Pacific Exercise 20 (Ex RIMPAC 20) via Tonga.
25/07/2022 to 26/09/2022	Fiji, Niue, Tonga and Tuvalu on Operation Render Safe