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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 8 September 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *the detailed budget vs actuals for the Naval Helicopter Capability (SH-2 Seasprite) for the previous five financial years. To be clear the breakdown should include a breakdown of flying hours, fuel, airways charges, embarked charges, simulator costs, weapons, training costs, travel, spares purchased, overhaul costs, parts written off. It should also include logistical costs attributed to the Naval Helicopter Capability.*

A detailed breakdown of the various costs for the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) SH-2G(I) Seasprites as requested is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA to avoid prejudice to the security and defence of New Zealand. The table below, however, provides the total budgeted and actual operating costs for these aircraft by financial year. Note, the operating costs include, but are not limited to: fuel; airway and airport charges; training fees; travel expenses; equipment and spares.

Financial Year	Budget (\$M)	Actual (\$M)
2018/19	1,921,192	1,689,068
2019/20	1,510,612	1,547,852
2020/21	1,551,189	1,125,323
2021/22	1,401,845	855,142
2022/23	1,401,928	1,318,905

The table below provides the total budgeted and actual maintenance, repair and overhaul costs for these aircraft by financial year.

Financial Year	Budget (\$M)	Actual (\$M)
2018/19	14,825,264	13,728,519
2019/20	14,273,679	15,199,697
2020/21	19,016,545	20,844,229
2021/22	22,194,120	20,439,524
2022/23	18,076,982	16,756,503

The flying hours for these aircraft, by tail number and financial year, is at Enclosure 1.

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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Enclosures:

1. SH-2G(l) Seasprites flying hours

Enclosure 1 - Flying hours for the NZDF SH-2G(I) Seasprites, by tail number and financial year.

Financial Year	Tail Number	Flying hours
2018/19	3611	213.8
2018/19	3612	8.6
2018/19	3613	199.2
2018/19	3614	144.2
2018/19	3616	162.6
2018/19	3617	143.7
2018/19	3618	139.4
2018/19	3619	91.3
2019/20	3611	122.7
2019/20	3612	152.3
2019/20	3613	37.3
2019/20	3614	137.3
2019/20	3616	184.5
2019/20	3617	156.5
2019/20	3618	157.1
2019/20	3619	166.1
2020/21	3611	59.9
2020/21	3612	161.9
2020/21	3613	185.8
2020/21	3614	112.5
2020/21	3616	124.4
2020/21	3617	207.8
2020/21	3618	32.0
2020/21	3619	126.5
2021/22	3611	88.5
2021/22	3612	151.4
2021/22	3613	172.3
2021/22	3614	186.1
2021/22	3616	81.3
2021/22	3618	187.2
2021/22	3619	29.9
2022/23	3611	149.8
2022/23	3612	96.3
2022/23	3613	69.5
2022/23	3614	3.9
2022/23	3616	132.1
2022/23	3617	211.5
2022/23	3618	145.5