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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 27 February 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), an update to the request you submitted in March 2023 regarding New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Courts of Inquiry.

could I please have a list of Courts of Inquiry assembled since June 2022, broken down by the date of the incident leading to its establishment, the date the inquiry was assembled, the date the Col was completed (signed), the date of the comments from the Assembling Authority, the current status of the Col, and a summary of the reason/subject of the Col.

The requested information is enclosed. Details about an individual member of the NZDF have been withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of that individual.

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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Air Commodore

Chief of Staff HQNZDF

Enclosure:

1. NZDF Courts of Inquiry

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Issue	Incident Date	COI Assembly Date	COI Report signed	Assembling Authority Comments signed	Status
Death of an air cadet	11/06/2022	27/06/2022	22/11/2023		COI Report Signed
Unauthorised entry to HMNZS Philomel and HMNZS Te Mana	8/07/2022	18/07/2022	21/08/2022	16/12/2022	Under Action
Bullying, harassment and welfare issues in a unit	1/1/2020 to 1/7/2022	15/08/2022	21/07/2023		COI Report Signed
Data spillage during an operation	5/08/2022	22/08/2022			Active
Firearm training accident	10/09/2022	3/10/2022	27/03/2023	8/06/2023	Under Action
Injuries incurred during vehicle mobility training course	1/11/2022	1/12/2022	16/03/2023	19/06/2023	Under Action
Injuries during training activity	10/10/2023	16/01/2023			Active
Death of a sea cadet while attending an overseas event	2/02/2023	7/03/2023	22/02/2024		COI Report Signed
Injuries sustained by an officer cadet		19/04/2023	Undated		COI Report Signed
Injury During Training	10/06/2023	14/06/2023	23/08/2023	20/09/2023	Under Action
Incorrect routing of release mechanism on parachute	30/05/2023	12/07/2023	11/08/2023	12/09/2023	Under Action
Fuel and maintenance issues in HMNZS AOTEAROA		4/09/2023			Active
Gas Incidents in HMNZS TE MANA	23/11/2022	17/10/2023			Active
Injury During Pistol annual weapon qualification	18/10/2023	27/11/2023			Active
Death of S.9(2)(a) at Linton	20/11/2023	15/01/2024			Active
Gren Hand Frag found in Waiouru Combat School Store	20/02/2024	11/03/2024			Active