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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 7 February 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information related to Fire & Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) activities undertaken at Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) Base Auckland at Whenuapai.

4. *We request the sign-in records of the Whenuapai airbase for 12 November 2019 and 28 November 2019 in respect of those who attended the controlled burn tests.*
5. *We understand that FENZ staff who attended the site were able to show their identity card without needing to sign in.*
6. *Our request concerns the sign-in records as related to non-FENZ experts who attended the site on those dates.*

RNZAF Base Auckland does not hold sign-in records for non-FENZ experts who were at Whenuapai on the specified dates. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as the requested information does not exist.

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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