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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 15 April 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1. Any records showing the operational tasking of NZDF C-130 aircraft between 30 October and 7 November 2025, including the nature of any tasks that precluded support to NEMA emergency requests during this period.*
- 2. Any communications, orders or records explaining why NZDF advised on 30 October 2025 that 'all assets required to support this task are assigned to other operational outputs' in response to a NEMA request to redeploy FENZ generators .*
- 3. Any records showing whether, during this same period, a decision was made to prioritise those other operational outputs over continued support to the Southland/Clutha State of Local Emergency, and who made that decision.*

Operational tasking documents for the C-130J aircraft of No. 40 Squadron are withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA as this provides specific details on squadron and individual aircraft capability and readiness. With respect to the request to provide support on 3 November 2025, all five C-130J aircraft were either undergoing scheduled maintenance or were already undertaking scheduled tasks.

Enclosed is relevant correspondence, that includes comment on the availability of aircraft/personnel by the Joint Air Operations Director. Where indicated: operational information is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA; the names of staff are withheld to protect privacy in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA; free and frank advice is withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA; other agency information is withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA; and, signatures are withheld to avoid malicious or inappropriate use, such as phishing, scams or unsolicited advertising in accordance with section 9(2)(k) of the OIA.

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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

GA Motley

Brigadier

Chief of Staff HQNZDF

Enclosure:

1. Correspondence

From: s. 6(a)
Sent: Monday, 3 November 2025 3:38 p.m.
To: s. 6(a)
Subject: FW: [SEEMAIL] RE: NZDF Asset - Generator Movement

Moves, issues with Generators? If they have been used an ALT would need to go to Invercargill?

Regards,

s. 6(a)

WGCDR s. 6(a)

Joint Air Operations Director, Headquarters Joint Forces New Zealand
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s. 6(a)

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From: s. 6(a)
Sent: Monday, 3 November 2025 2:42 p.m.
To: s. 6(a)
Subject: FW: [SEEMAIL] RE: NZDF Asset - Generator Movement

Hi Sir,

Looking at the MAS, maybe:

- 05 Nov
- 07 Nov

s. 6(a)

From: s. 6(a), LTCOL s. 6(a)
Sent: Monday, 3 November 2025 2:33 pm
To: s. 6(a)
Cc: s. 6(a)
Subject: FW: [SEEMAIL] RE: NZDF Asset - Generator Movement

Kia ora team,

Could you please scope this request and let me know what we can / can't do.

Best

s. 6(a)

LTCOL s. 6(a)

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From: NCC.Control s. 9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Friday, 31 October 2025 14:58

To: s. 6(a); LTCOL s. 6(a); s. 6(a), CAPT RNZN

s. 6(a)

Cc: NCC Logistics s. 9(2)(g)(ii); NCC Operations s. 9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: FW: [SEEMAIL] RE: NZDF Asset - Generator Movement

Kia ora SCE

As per the email trail below, and MD450 as attached, the National Coordination Centre (NEMA) has a requirement to RTU the Trailer Generators from INV to AKLD.

Indications from HQJFNZ as below are that a solution may be possible on 05 NOV. This date is agreed by FENZ, they are keen to receive these back for operational objectives.

This email is to provide NZDF with an official request for the movement of the 3 x FENZ Trailer Generators.

Appreciate the support from NZDF to this event, the effect has made a significant difference to the impacted communities.

Regards

s. 9(2)(a)

**Response Manager,
National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)**

s. 9(2)(a)

From: NCC Operations s. 9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: 31 October 2025 13:00
To: NCC.Control s. 9(2)(g)(ii)
Cc: NCC Operations s. 9(2)(g)(ii); NCC Logistics s. 9(2)(g)(ii)
Subject: FW: [SEEMAIL] RE: NZDF Asset - Generator Movement

Kia ora all,

Please see below from NZDF with regards the potential support in retuning the FENZ Generators.

Regards

s. 9(2)(a)

NCC Operations Manager



**National Emergency
Management Agency**
Te Rākau Whakamārumāru

From: s. 6(a), LTCOL s. 6(a)
Sent: Friday, 31 October 2025 12:27 pm
To: NCC Operations s. 9(2)(g)(ii)
Subject: [SEEMAIL] RE: NZDF Asset - Generator Movement

*** [SEEMAIL] This message may contain classified information ***

Kia ora NCC,

Depending on the dimension and number of flights required to support this movement the earliest we could support if approved through SCE would be 5 Nov. There could be options post this date however if would require prioritisation and cancellation of activities to enable this to occur.

Approval to support would be sought through Strategic Engagements (CC'd) LTCOL s. 6(a) and Capt s. 6(a)

s. 6(a) LTCOL s. 6(a); NCC.Control NCC.Control@nema.govt.nz; s. 6(a),
CAPT RNZN s. 6(a)

Kind regards,

LTCOL s. 6(a)

Deputy Director Operations Regional, Headquarters Joint Forces New Zealand
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s. 6(a)

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**TE OPE KĀTUA O AOTEAROA
DEFENCE FORCE**

From: s. 6(a), LTCOL

Sent: Friday, 31 October 2025 11:41 am

To: 'NCC Operations s. 9(2)(g)(ii) s. 6(a)

s. 6(a)

Cc: s. 6(a), LTCOL s. 6(a); NCC.Control s. 9(2)(g)(ii); s. 6(a)

s. 6(a), CAPT RNZN s. 6(a)

Subject: RE: NZDF Asset - Generator Movement

Kia ora NCC,

Depending on the dimension and number of flights required to support this movement the earliest we could support if approved through SCE would be 5 Nov. There could be options post this date however if would require prioritisation and cancellation of activities to enable this to occur.

Approval to support would be sought through Strategic Engagements (CC'd) LTCOL Scott Cordwell and Capt Lenik.

Kind regards,

LTCOL s. 6(a)

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s. 6(a)

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From: NCC Operations s. 9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Friday, 31 October 2025 9:02 am

To: s. 6(a), LTCOL s. 6(a)

Cc: s. 6(a), LTCOL s. 6(a); NCC.Control s. 9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: NZDF Asset - Generator Movement

Importance: High

Kia ora s. 6(a)

I have been directed to engage with you to determine if a task was submitted, when could NZDF support the movement of the FENZ Generators?

The task was discussed at a ELT / governance meeting this morning, as a matter of priority.

An indication of what additional approval requirements need to be in place, to allow you to support this task is greatly appreciated.

Regards

s. 9(2)(a)

NCC Operations Manager

From: s. 6(a) LTCOL s. 6(a)

Sent: Thursday, 30 October 2025 3:45 pm

Released under the Official Information Act 1982

To: NCC Operations s. 9(2)(g)(ii)
Cc: s. 6(a), LTCOL s. 6(a)
Subject: [SEEMail]FW: NZDF Asset - Generator Movement

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*** [SEEMAIL] This message may contain classified information ***

Kia ora NCC,

Unfortunately, we have no available platforms to support the repatriation of assets from the South Island to the North Island.

Currently all assets required to support this task are assigned to other operational outputs.

Kind regards,

LTCOL s. 6(a)

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s. 6(a)

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From: NCC Operations s. 9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 30 October 2025 1:51 pm
To: s. 6(a), LTCDR s. 6(a)
Cc: NCC Operations s. 9(2)(g)(ii)
Subject: NZDF Asset - Generator Movement

Kia ora s. 6(a)

There is a potential requirement for NZDF to support the redeployment of 3 x 60kva generators from Southland to Auckland on Monday 3 Nov 2025.

The request to utilise NZDF assets is to expedite the process, as the generators are required for emergency services.

Are NZDF in a position to support a formal request or is it completely out of the question?

More details to follow if NZDF can support.

Thank you.

Regards

NCC Operations Manager



**National Emergency
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Te Rākau Whakamarumaru

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