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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 20 April 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), 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.

A list of Courts of Inquiry assembled since June 2022 is at Enclosure 1. Where indicated: personal information about New Zealand Defence Force personnel is withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect privacy.

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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

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Enclosure:

1. Courts of Inquiry

Enclosure 1

Issue	Incident Date	COI Assembly Date	COI Report Signed	AA Comments Date	Status
Death of an air cadet	11/06/2022	27/06/2022	22/11/2023	14/03/2024	Under Action
Unauthorized 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 - 1/7/2022	15/08/2022	21/07/2023	10/12/2024	Under Action
Data spillage during an operation	5/08/2022	22/08/2022	19/12/2025		COI Report Signed
Firearm training accident	10/09/2022	3/10/2022	27/03/2023	8/06/2023	Closed
Injuries incurred during vehicle mobility training course	1/11/2022	1/12/2022	16/03/2023	19/06/2023	Closed
Death of a sea cadet while attending an overseas event	2/02/2023	7/03/2023	22/02/2024	8/03/2024	Closed
Foot injuries sustained by an officer cadet		19/04/2023	26/08/2023	11/11/2024	Closed
Frostbite injury sustained during training	10/06/2023	14/06/2023	23/08/2023	20/09/2023	Closed
Incorrect routing of release mechanism on parachute	30/05/2023	12/07/2023	11/08/2023	12/09/2023	Under Action
Fuel contamination and maintenance issues in HMNZS Aotearoa		4/09/2023	19/11/2024	10/04/2025	Under Action
Injury during pistol annual weapon qualification	18/10/2023	27/11/2023	29/10/2024	11/04/2025	Closed
Injury to service person during fast roping activity, Burnham	10/10/2023	16/01/2024	12/08/2025		COI Report Signed
Death of s. 9(2)(a) at Linton	20/11/2023	15/01/2024	4/11/2025	22/01/2025	Under Action
Diving incident during swimmers course	25/03/2024	12/04/2024	11/12/2024	27/02/2025	Closed
Gren Hand Frag found in Waiouru Combat School Store	20/02/2024	15/04/2024	15/05/2025	2/06/2025	Closed
Death of s. 9(2)(a) Linton on 18 March 2024	18/03/2024	23/04/2024	6/08/2025	21/08/2025	Under Action
Toxic Gas Incidents between 23-28 November 2022 in HMNZS Te Mana	23/11/2022	1/08/2024	4/07/2025	25/07/2025	Closed
Two RNZAF UNIMOG's rolling over in August 2024		7/10/2024	30/04/2025	20/10/2025	Under Action
Injury during live firing practice, Ardmore MTA	11/09/2024	9/10/2024	28/11/2024	9/12/2024	Closed
The loss of HMNZS Manawanui on 6 October 2024	6/10/2024	11/10/2024	31/03/2025	1/04/2025	Under Action
Classified holding security breach		13/05/2025			Active
Circumstances into the death of s. 9(2)(a)	28/02/2025	23/06/2025	24/04/2026		COI Report Signed
Loss of Positive Control of Safe-Hand Equipment	24/05/2025	30/07/2025	20/11/2025		COI Report Signed
Injuries sustained by serviceperson	14/09/2025	16/10/2025	14/04/2026		COI Report Signed
Workplace interactions between two Army officers		16/02/2026			Active
AWOL of LCPL	02/12/2025	16/02/2026			Active

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Note:

- Active – the COI is in progress.
- COI report signed – the COI report has been signed.
- Under action – recommendations are now being actioned/implemented.
- Closed – all agreed recommendations have been implemented and the COI has been closed by the Assembling Authority.