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Dear Graeme Doull

I refer to your email of 18 June 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) information on the conventional use of drones by the New Zealand Army *covering the period 12 months prior to the date of this request*. The specific parts of your request are addressed below.

1. *The total number of bombs, grenades, or other munitions dropped from drones or uncrewed aerial systems.*

Nil.

2. *The total number of kamikaze drones, loitering munitions or self-destructive unmanned aerial vehicles equipped with integrated explosives consumed (i.e. destroyed explosively on a target)*

Nil.

3. *The number of simulated enemy drones or uncrewed aerial systems that were intentionally neutralised, destroyed, shot down, or otherwise defeated.*

Nil.

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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