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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 21 September 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), a range of information *concerning helicopter activity near Central Road in the Rotorua district on Saturday 24 August 2024.*

No New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) helicopters were operating on the specified date. This request is therefore refused under section 18(g) of the OIA. The requested information is not held by the NZDF and there are no grounds for believing this information is held by, or more closely connected to the functions of, another department, Minister, organisation, or local authority.

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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