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Dear Mr Holmes

Request for information - IR-01-20-29159

Thank you for your email dated March 2020, requesting information on the Eagle Helicopter. You requested:

1. Any documents relating to the NZ Police Air Support Unit Expansion project.
2. This includes, project briefs, reports, processes, flowcharts, etc.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

Police is in the process of developing a new Air Support strategy, which will take a broad view of air support across the country before we commit to investment in specific locations or technology. This includes considering the evaluation of the Canterbury ASU "Eagle" trial, the most appropriate technology to support our current and future operational needs, and the position and needs of our partners.

This work remains ongoing and as result your request is refused pursuant to the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982:

- section 9(g)(i) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions;
- section 9(j) - to enable a department holding information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations; and
- section 9(k) - to prevent the disclosure of use of information for improper gain or advantage.

You have the right, under section 28 (3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request.

Yours sincerely



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