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Dear A Hutchings

I refer to your request of 14 January 2021, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

1. *The number of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) callouts by the NZDF in support of the civil authorities that occurred in 2020.*

147

2. *The number of callouts that resulted in a find of an explosive substance (both primary and secondary).*

70 callouts resulted in a find of an explosive substance (primary and secondary) in 2020.

3. *The number of callouts in which a detonation had occurred, excluding controlled detonation for disposal.*

One.

4. *The types of explosives found (chemical or common name) and how many finds of each type occurred.*

It is not in the public interest to publish a list of explosives or chemicals most frequently utilised in explosive devices encountered by the New Zealand Police and bomb disposal agencies within New Zealand. This part of your request is declined in accordance with sections 6(a) and 6(d) of the OIA, as making this information available would likely prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand, and endanger individual safety.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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