



Thursday, 23 December 2021

By email: fyi-request-17698-692a331b@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Wallis

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST – Closing of 7 regional aerodromes

1. In regard to your request of 24 November 2021 as clarified on 3 December 2021 we have responded to your request to include all documents and papers but also information in any format, including drafts, videos, recordings, and photos in regard to the risk assessments made before the 09 April 2020 announcement and more specifically risk assessments relating to the basis of the statement “Any changes would mean aircraft will still be able to fly safely to these locations”.
2. In response to some of your additional queries set out below I can provide you with the following further clarifications:
 - A. Milford was part of a separate review that began well before the announcement on *09 April 2020 - Airways reviews air traffic service levels at seven regional aerodromes* and was at an advanced stage compared to the other regional towers where service levels were being reviewed which explains why there is only a risk assessment, in our standard form, for Milford.
 - B. The announcement referred to Airways proposal to withdraw and as noted in my letter to you of 22 December 2021 any change in service would have only been implemented after the CAA process was complete. The CAA process includes the requirement for robust risk assessments of any change to services which are to be carried out by aerodrome operators (the airport companies) rather than by Airways. As you are aware, the withdrawal of the services did not proceed.
3. The further information you have noted in bullet points 3 - 8 of your email below do not fall within your initial request of 24 November 2021, which we have fulfilled.
4. In accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the “Act”) you are entitled to apply to the Ombudsman for a review of this decision pursuant to section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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Subject: RE: Official Information Act Request - Closing of 7 regional aerodromes

Dear Christian, Marielle,

Thank you for your response to my request for information.
Unfortunately it seems that a lot of relevant information must have been left out.
As an example but not limited to:

1. there seems to only be the risk assessment for Milford aerodrome not for all 7 aerodromes
2. the risk assessment sent seems to be only a general overview not the full detailed risk assessment
3. there are surely more emails internally in Airways as an example between the CE, the Executive for Ops among others
4. there are emails/conversations referenced in the emails sent which have not been sent through
5. the initial meeting minutes at which the ELT must have discussed these proposals is missing
6. also missing are the follow up meeting minutes etc
7. the initial emails sent to the aerodromes to inform them of your intent to remove the ATC services
8. the emails sent to or received from the MoT

From the information that you have provided I am unable to answer any questions that I have asked. Can you please fulfill the OIA request that I have made.

Yours sincerely,

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