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Dear Darren

TRANSFER OF YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 11 April 2023, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information surrounding,

What are the requirements for civilian, commercial or military aircraft identification when flying in or over New Zealand airspace?

Does this identification requirement extend to being visible on commercially available aircraft tracking programmes such as "flight aware" or "flight tracker"?

Are there different rules for overseas owned, operated or overseas military aircraft to identify themselves?

Under what circumstances could an aircraft be observed flying overhead but not be showing a presence on any of the commercially available flight tracking systems?

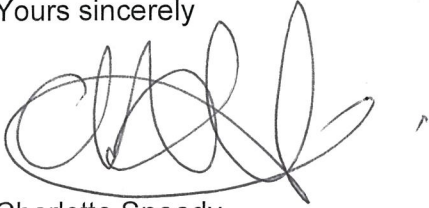
How can a member of the general public obtain flight plan details for an aircraft observed flying over New Zealand but not being displayed on one of the commercial flight tracker programmes?

The Ministry of Defence is a civilian agency that is responsible for the development of defence policy, international defence engagements and the delivery of major capability projects.

The information you have requested is more closely connected with the work of Civil Aviation Authority Accordingly, I am transferring your request to the Civil Aviation Authority in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Act as they are best placed to respond to your request.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CS', written in a cursive style.

Charlotte Speedy
Director, Ministerial and Executive Services

cc. Civil Aviation Authority