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Dear Peter King,

I refer to your three emails of 2 July 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

*For RNZAF no.3 Squadron the year ended March 31 2023 what was the flight hours for all operational AW109 helicopters.*

*For RNZAF no.40 Squadron the year ended March 31 2023 what was the flight hours for all operational B757-2K2 aircraft*

*For RNZAF no.5 Squadron the year ended March 31 2023 what was the unit's total budget and actual operational cost (including cost of capital) the flight hours for all operational P3 K2 aircraft.*

For the squadrons that you have identified, for the year ended 31 March 2023, the flying hours for all operational aircraft are provided in the table below:

Squadron	Flight hours
3 Squadron	829.6
40 Squadron	865.3
5 Squadron	864.8

The budgeted and actual operating cost for the Royal New Zealand Air Force No 5 Squadron for the year ended 31 March 2023 is provided in the table below. As noted in previous responses, the cost of capital is recorded separately.

Budget \$ (million)	Actual cost \$ (million)	Capital cost \$ (million)
25.106	24.387	42.843

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Yours sincerely

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