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Dan

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Kia ora Dan,

I am writing with reference to your request to the CAA under the Official Information Act for the following information (CAA Reference **24/OIR/268**) –

I would like to request the following information about CAA's protocol around runway numbering/designations:

- 1. How often are runway numbers reviewed in response to changes in magnetic north?*
- 2. Is this review the responsibility of CAA or each individual aerodrome operator?*
- 3. Which aerodromes have changed their runway numbers in the last 10 years?*
- 4. Does the CAA publish runway number changes publicly when they occur? If so, where? (other than the aerodrome charts themselves on AIP being updated)*

Decision

1. How often are runway numbers reviewed in response to changes in magnetic north?

Aeronautical data, specific to magnetic north changes, will be reviewed as a minimum every 5 years as part of the obstacle limitations surface (OLS) surveys conducted by a registered surveyor on behalf of the aerodrome operator.

2. Is this review the responsibility of CAA or each individual aerodrome operator?

It is the aerodrome operator's responsibility to ensure all aeronautical information is current and accurate.

3. Which aerodromes have changed their runway numbers in the last 10 years?

As far as the Authority is aware, no runway numbers have changed in New Zealand in the last 10 years at Part 139 certificated airports.

4. Does the CAA publish runway number changes publicly when they occur? If so, where? (other than the aerodrome charts themselves on AIP being updated)

The AIP Supplement would be used, possibly NOTAM as well as the airport's own communication channels. As changes to runway numbers will be infrequent any change could also make for an interesting CAA article, either on our website, in the CAA Briefing Newsletter which is sent to aviation participants up to four times a year, or via the CAA Vector magazine.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

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