

21 March 2017

Allen Reynolds

**By: FYI.org.nz**

Dear Mr Reynolds

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST(S) – AVIATION SAFETY & RPAS IN WHENUAPAI CONTROL ZONE**

**Background**

*Regarding your comment: "You have been asking for this information since the 25 January"*

Your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 ("OIA") was set out in your email of 26 January 2017. We responded to this request within the required 20 working day period on the 23 February 2017, requesting further information from you.

On the 23 February 2017, you advised you had posted a "second OIA request" on the FYI.org.nz website on the 21 February 2017. FYI.org.nz had an outdated email address for Airways, which meant we did not receive your request when posted. We rectified this with FYI on the 24 February 2017 and respond to your request(s) below.

*Regarding your request for: "more detail on where the Whenuapai Flying Sites are"*

Our Airshare Site provides maps on where all UAV flying sites are. We have attached the link below.

<https://www.airshare.co.nz/maps>

**OIA Request posted to the FYI website**

We refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 ("OIA") set out in your request on the FYI.org.nz website on the 21 February 2017.

You have requested the following information about UAV flights in Auckland's Whenuapai control zone:

1. By localities/suburbs
2. By day(s) of the week
3. By flight type – recreation; commercial; law enforcement or others
4. By Rules – Part 101 and Part 102
5. For the years 2015, 2016, 2017 to date.

### Information requiring substantial collation

We advise that the information you have requested cannot be easily collated. The process involved collating the information for UAV flights in Auckland's Whenuapai control zone in the way sought by you is outlined in the following table:

Data you have requested	What data Airways currently holds	The process involved in collating the information in the way sought by you	Time involved
(1) By localities Or suburbs	Location data by longitude and latitude coordinates	Each longitude and latitude coordinate for every flight request would need to be entered manually from the data to determine a suburb. The suburb would then be manually recorded.	3 hours
(2) By day(s) of the week	Date and time of the flight	Work out that day of the week for each date recorded, manually. Record the day of the week manually.	1 hour
(3) By flight type – recreation; commercial; law enforcement or others	We do not record if flights are recreational or commercial, law enforcement or others – the data is not categorised as such.  We do record the <b>'flight purpose'</b> . When data is entered, personal details can be disclosed. Manual work would be needed to protect the privacy of these individuals.	Run a report for 'flight purpose data'. Manually go through each line and omit any data entered, which discloses personal details.  From there, assessment would need to be made manually to categorise as requested.	3 hours
(4) By Rules – Part 101 vs Part 102	We have only recently started recording data by Rules Part 101 and Part 102.  This data would only be available for recent dates.	Run a report of data we do hold. Separate into Part 101 vs Part 102 manually.	0.5 hours
(5) For the years 2015, 2016, 2017 to date.	We hold the data as detailed above for the requested time period.	Run a report for this time period.	0.5 hours

There would also be a charge for photocopying of materials involved at 0.20c per page.

### Options

Given that your request involves a large quantity of information, time and resources to carry out this work, we would normally withhold the information on the basis that it requires substantial collation or research (section 18(f) of the OIA).

However, in order to address the information you are interested in, another option could be to significantly refine the scope of work requested (and hence the cost) to the data Airways currently holds (as outlined in the table above).

It is also worth noting that because of the commercial (and confidential) nature of the information you are requesting; we would require a confidentiality agreement to be signed prior to the release of this data.

Furthermore, we advise that beyond the information provided to you in this letter, we estimate that it will take approximately 8 hours in order to formally collate the information you have requested. In accordance with the Ministry of Justice charging guidelines, we will charge \$38 inclusive of GST per half hour (after the first hour) spent extracting and compiling relevant documents – making the charge for providing the information approximately \$608.00 (plus materials).

Should you wish to accept this charge or refine your request, we will be seeking to extend the period for a response in accordance with section 15A of the Official Information Act.

### **Your rights**

Please note that you are entitled to apply to the Ombudsman for a review of this decision pursuant to section 28(3) of the OIA.

Kind regards



**Arama Eruera**  
**Official Information Officer**