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Mr Alex Hill

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Dear Mr Hill

I refer to your email of 1 March 2017 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information about the disbandment of the Royal New Zealand Air Force's Air Combat Force. Specifically, you are seeking:

1.0 - Planning documents

- 1.1 - All documents detailing activities pertaining to the closure of all squadrons*
 - 1.1.1 - Further, all documents detailing the actions to be undertaken by all squadrons in the cessation of operations*
 - 1.1.2 - All administration orders and logistical documents surround[ing]the removal of squadron assets and materials.*

2.0 - Post closure documents

- 2.1 - All reports made by any member of the New Zealand Defence Force evaluating the closure of the Air Combat Wing.*

3.0 - Other documents

- 3.1 - Any documents made by any intelligence unit within the New Zealand Defence Force regarding the closure of the Air Combat Wing*
 - 3.1.1 - Further, any documents provided to the New Zealand Defence Force by any other agency of government evaluating the effect that the closure of the Air Combat Wing would have on the military relationship of New Zealand with other nations/organisations*
- 3.2 - Any documents that informed/notified members of the closure of the Air Combat Wing*
 - 3.2.1 - I have particular interest in the following correspondence: from the Ministry of Defence to the Chief of Defence Force (CDF), from the CDF to the Chief of Air Force (CAF), and from the CAF to CDF.*
 - 3.2.2 - I also have particular interest in the documents that initially gave closure notice to all members of the Air Combat Wing.*


You also noted that "all documents" should include any material, either digital (emails, memos, intranet pages) or written (orders (routine of standing), memos, notices).

The information you have requested requires that many dispersed and archived files be searched by someone who is at least partly familiar with the events of 1999 to

2002. Accordingly, I must notify you, pursuant to s.15A(1) (a) of the OIA, that this research will require more than the normal 20 working-days before a response can be ready. This extension will be for a further 30 working days, that is, to 14 May 2017.

You retain the right, under s.28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this extension.

Yours sincerely



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