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Dear Mr Brown

I refer to your request of 28 November 2017 to the Ministry of Defence, made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for a break-down of the time spent by the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) patrolling New Zealand's economic fishing zone in comparison to the time spent patrolling other areas of the world, and the reasons for the time spent there.

Two tables are enclosed with this letter. Enclosure 1 lists the number of days the RNZN has spent either patrolling or supporting other Government agencies within New Zealand's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Enclosure 2 lists the number of days the RNZN spent outside the EEZ on various exercises and missions. In order to provide a fair representation of RNZN operations inside and outside the EEZ per year, the information covers the 2016 and 2017 calendar years.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosures:

1. RNZN patrols of EEZ for 2016 and 2017
2. RNZN patrols overseas for 2016 and 2017

ENCLOSURE 1

RNZN patrols of EEZ for 2016 and 2017

Unit	2016	2017	Activities
HMNZS <i>Canterbury</i>	34	62	EEZ patrol in EEZ, Exercises, Kaikoura Quake
HMNZS <i>Endeavour</i>	63	27	EEZ patrol in EEZ, Workups, Sea Training, Kaikoura Quake
HMNZS <i>Hawea</i>	89	21	EEZ patrol in EEZ, Other Government Agency (OGA) Operations, Sea Training
HMNZS <i>Manawanui</i>	59	81	EEZ patrol in EEZ, Sea Training
HMNZS <i>Otago</i>	69	51	EEZ patrol in EEZ, OGA Ops, Sea Training
HMNZS <i>Rotoiti</i>	25	0	EEZ patrol in EEZ, Sea Training, Ops
HMNZS <i>Taupo</i>	31	94	EEZ patrol in EEZ, OGA Ops, Sea Training
HMNZS <i>Te Kaha</i>	34	9	EEZ patrol in EEZ, Workup, Kaikoura Quake
HMNZS <i>Te Mana</i>	51	30	EEZ patrol in EEZ, Sea Training, Ops
HMNZS <i>Wellington</i>	74	77	EEZ patrol in EEZ, OGA Ops, Sea Training, Kaikoura Quake

ENCLOSURE 2

RNZN patrols overseas for 2016 and 2017

Unit	2016	2017	Activities
HMNZS <i>Canterbury</i>	51	40	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Operations, Regional Deployments
HMNZS <i>Endeavour</i>	28	90	Workups, Australia, Asia
HMNZS <i>Hawea</i>	0	103	Deployment to South West Pacific. (SWP)
HMNZS <i>Manawanui</i>	36	0	Explosive Remnants of War Disposal. (SWP)
HMNZS <i>Otago</i>	46	33	OGA Support and Ex in SWP
HMNZS <i>Te Kaha</i>	52	111	Australia Workups, Exercises, Operations in Australia, Asia
HMNZS <i>Te Mana</i>	0	36	Australia, SWP
HMNZS <i>Wellington</i>	46	0	Disaster Relief, OGA Patrols