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Dear Mr Ewing-Jarvie

RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank your email of 11 July 2018 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982:

- 1. The composition of the Future Air Surveillance Capability Infrastructure Siting Board, its Terms of Reference or other founding documents, its meeting schedule and any key dates and deliverables which form part of its work.*
- 2. Similar information as in request 1, relating to any other groups formed or about to be formed for the purpose of planning aspects of the Future Air Surveillance Capability.*

As advised on 7 August, Point 1 of your request is more closely associated with the functions of the New Zealand Defence Force and has been responded to by the New Zealand Defence Force. Point 2 has been transferred to the Ministry of Defence and is responded to below.

The Future Air Surveillance Capability project is managed under the Defence Capability Management System. The Capability Management System enables the Government's purchase of defence equipment through the cost-effective design, delivery and maintenance and eventual disposal of military capability. It also provides the guidance, standards, frameworks, enablers, tools and people, required to undertake capability management activities. This system is aligned with the New Zealand Government's Better Business Case Framework and incorporates a number of the planning and assurance mechanisms and working groups of that framework.

The Future Air Surveillance Capability project is managed by an Integrated Project Team. This is comprised of professionally qualified project management, technical, logistics and commercial procurement expert personnel drawn from both the Ministry of Defence and New Zealand Defence Force.

The Integrated Project Team has operated under the governance of the Future Air Surveillance Capability Project Board. The Project Board was appointed by the two Chief Executives, the Secretary of Defence and the Chief of the Defence Force, to exercise governance on their behalf over the project. A copy of the Terms of Reference is attached.

The Integrated Project Team has operated under a Project Charter, consistent with best practice, rather than a Terms of Reference, throughout the period during which it was

developing the business cases for consideration by Government. The Future Air Surveillance Capability project met regularly with agencies that will rely on this capability during the development of the business case. The agencies' provided quality assurance and recommendations on the preparation of the business case.

The Integrated Project Team and the Project Board continue to plan aspects of the Future Air Surveillance Capability and will do so throughout the life cycle of the project to ensure the successful delivery and integration of the capability into the New Zealand Defence Force in 2024. The first P-8A Poseidon aircraft is due to arrive in the latter half of 2022.

As you will be aware, the Government announced the purchase of four P-8A Poseidon aircraft on 9 July. The Ministry of Defence has released the cabinet paper and associated cabinet minutes related to this decision. You can find a copy of these on the Ministry's website: www.defence.govt.nz/publications/

Thank you for your interest in Defence matters.

Yours sincerely


 Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence

Encl: *Capability Project Board Terms of Reference*