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**Mr Daryl Trask**

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Dear Mr Trask

I refer to your email of 13 February 2019 asking, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*Is the NZDF providing support or cover for aerial 1080 drops in New Zealand?*

*Also, why is the NZDF not taking measures to prevent the spreading of a substance classified as a bioterrorism agent and weapon of mass destruction? (namely compound 1080).*

*Does the NZDF support bioterrorism against New Zealand by it's own government?*

The NZDF has not conducted any tasks associated with the use of 1080 in New Zealand.

The NZDF is directed by the Government, and has not received any direction with respect to the use of 1080 in New Zealand.

I trust that this fully satisfies your request for official information, but you retain a right, under section 29(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response.

Yours sincerely

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