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Dear Phil Pennington

I refer to your email of 21 October 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

- *The latest substantive records for the year 2022 in whatever format NZDF principally holds them of how its NH90s have been/are performing in any and all respects*
- *If there are multiple types of such records, and multiple numbers of them, we request NZDF provide as many as are required to provide the public with a comprehensive and accurate picture of how the NH90s are performing*

The Royal New Zealand Air Force has eight NATO Helicopter Industries NH90 helicopters. The raw information regarding each aircraft is provided in weekly update reports. These provide details of progress, interactions with commercial contractors, and availability dates. Preparing the reports of the current calendar year for release would require a substantial collation effort that would impair efficient administration. This part of your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA.

It is noted that you have requested a reduced number of such records as exist, in order to provide an *accurate picture of how the NH90s are performing*. Based on the information contained in the weekly reports, the below table provides the availability and serviceability of the aircraft. The data is collated as averages, by quarter, over the first three quarters for 2022. Availability is defined as aircraft not in scheduled maintenance. This includes aircraft serviceable and those with temporary unserviceability. Serviceability is defined as aircraft fully airworthy and able to be operated. The numbers have been rounded to one significant figure from quarterly averages.

Quarter 2022	Availability	Serviceability
Q1	6	5
Q2	7	6
Q3	6	6

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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