



Transport Accident Investigation Commission

OIA No. 323

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Grayson Ottaway

By email:

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Dear Mr Ottaway

Aviation Inquiry AO-2019-003

Thank you for your request of 22 November 2021 for:

1. The investigations conducted by the Commission since 2011 where the Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) failed to emit a signal as intended, specifically those referred to in paragraph 3.44 of AO-2019-003
2. A copy of the final report referred to in paragraph 9.9 of AO-2019-003.

As you are aware, the Commission conducted an investigation into the inflight break-up of a Robinson R22, near Mount Aspiring, 27 April 2011 (AO-2011-003). In that investigation, the Commission made two recommendations relating to the ELT (005/14 and 006/14). We **attach** a copy of that report for you.

We also **attach** for you the Commission's Watchlist: *Technologies to track and trace*. This publication details the importance the Commission places on ELT's emitting signals as intended and includes reference to another ELT related investigation, AO-2013-010 (report **attached**).

Please note that we are unable to provide you with general ELT statistical information as we do not hold it. We suggest the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand may be better placed to assist with those queries.

With regard to your second query, the final report referred to in paragraph 9.9 is the AO-2019-003 final report. We have **attached** a copy of that report, as requested.

We are able to provide you with the above reports and Watchlist as they are publicly available. However, please note that other investigation records are not subject to the Official Information Act 1982 and cannot be disclosed by the Commission, except for the

purposes of its investigations (see section 14R of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission Act 1990).

If you are unhappy with our handling of, or decision on, your information request, you may make a complaint to the Ombudsman. However, please talk to us first to see if the issue can be resolved.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CB', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cathryn Bridge

Commission General Counsel