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Dear Scott

I refer to your request of 15 August 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *a list of all ships that were under the control of NZDF during RIMPAC 2022, and their nationalities.*

The dynamic nature of maritime operations means that force composition can change. Hence the differences in the ships named prior to the exercise in July as likely to come under NZDF control, and the post-exercise release of 5 August.

While part of the carrier strike group, USS Abraham Lincoln was not under Captain Lenik's direct control. The ships controlled by Captain Steve Lenik as the Sea Combat Commander of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group were: from the United States of America, USS Mobile Bay, USS Sampson, USS Hunter, USS Lawrence, USS Spruance, USS Sea Hunter (autonomous vessel); from Canada, HMCS Winnipeg, HMCS Vancouver; from Japan, JS Izumo, and JS Takanami; from the Republic of Korea, ROKS Sejong the Great; from Chile, BRP Antonio Luna; from Malaysia, KD Lekir; and from Australia, HMAS Warramunga.

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

Yours sincerely

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