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Dear Mr Homer,

I am in receipt of the Official Information Request you made to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The Manager of Ministerial Services has forwarded your request to me for response.

The Otago Civil Defence & Emergency Management Group does not currently have any New Zealand Response Teams (NZRTs) in place and has no plans to do so in the foreseeable future.

The activities and training associated with NZRT's within Otago are currently being delivered by Fire & Emergency New Zealand (as managers of National Urban Search & Rescue capability), the New Zealand Police (as managers of NZ Search and Rescue), and with the NZ Red Cross Disaster Response Team based in Dunedin, we have no current plan for the establishment of an Otago based NZRT.

I hope this provides the information you were seeking.

Regards,

Matt Alley

Manager and Group Controller

Emergency Management Otago

