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fyi-request-28677-b64317c5@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear lati lati

TRANSFER OF YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 7 October 2024, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

Please provide all information about what the HMNZS Manawanui was doing in Samoa's territorial sea and exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in September and October 2024.

Please include all planning documents relating to the Manawanui's mission and activities, and any correspondence related to these between the Ministry of Defence and the following:

- 1. New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.*
- 2. The National Assessments Bureau.*

The Ministry of Defence (the Ministry) and the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) operate as separate entities. As the lead civilian agency on defence matters, the Ministry is responsible for the development of defence policy, international defence engagements, and the delivery of major capability projects.

The information you have requested is more closely connected with the work of the NZDF. Accordingly, I am transferring your request to that agency in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this transfer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adrian MacGregor'.

Adrian MacGregor
Managing Principal, Ministerial and Executive Services

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