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Mr Allen Reynolds

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Dear Mr Reynolds

I am writing to you in response to your email dated 5 April 2018 and sent to New Zealand Police. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

*For the period 01 January 2016 to 31 March 2018*

*Please supply details of any Police searches, 'activities' or 'operations' to locate the operator of any drone (RPAS), or to locate any drone (RPAS), whether the drone was being operated legally or not*

*Specifically indicate if the Police were requested to search, etc, by Airways*

*Specifically indicate if the Police were requested to search, etc, by CAA*

*Specifically indicate if the Police conducted the search, at the behest of others (name them), or on their own volition*

Police do not specifically record this information for ease of retrieval. If a search or any other activities were conducted to attempt to locate or identify an RPAS operator, this will be annotated in the Police database. To ascertain whether these activities have occurred will require searching this database and reading each one to determine what action was taken. Therefore, your request has been refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have a right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to contact the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

Chris Scahill  
Superintendent  
National Manager Response and Operations