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Dear Mr Ewing-Jarvie

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2018 in which you requested the following information regarding the Air Surveillance Complementary Capability under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *The Terms of Reference*
2. *Other founding and guidance documents*
3. *All correspondence between the Ministry of Defence and the Minister of Defence*

The Air Surveillance Complementary Capability project is in the very early stages of development and therefore does not currently have a Project Brief or Terms of Reference. The key reference document is the Cabinet minute and the Cabinet paper on the purchase the P-8A Poseidon aircraft, which is available on the Ministry of Defence website: www.defence.govt.nz/publications/.

This project remains under consideration and as a result, I am declining your request under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.

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

Yours sincerely

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Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence