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Tēnā koe 

I refer to your email dated 25 May 2025 and refinement 27 May 2025, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“OIA Request #1

Please provide copies of all communications between 01/01/2019 and today's date (being written, posted, emailed, verbal, sms, personal or via any other medium) between The NZ Ministry of Transport and Air New Zealand Ltd in relation to the issue of the operation of airline pilots over the age of 65, to include all advice or interpretations given.

OIA Request #2

Please provide copies of all communications between 01/01/2019 and today's date (being written, posted, emailed, verbal, sms, personal or via any other medium) between The NZ Ministry of Transport and the applicable State Authorities for Samoa, Fiji, Indonesia, New Caledonia, French Polynesia (Tahiti), or any other sovereign State, in relation to the issue of any Pilot Age restrictions for Airline operations into or out of their States, including operations over the high seas and their territorial airspace.

OIA Request #3

Please provide copies of all communications between 01/01/2019 and today's date (being written, posted, emailed, verbal, sms, personal or via any other medium) between The NZ Ministry of Transport and the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, or the NZ Civil Aviation Authority, regarding Pilot Age restrictions for Airline operations over the high seas and territorial airspace into or out of the States of Samoa, Fiji, Indonesia, New Caledonia and French Polynesia (Tahiti) or any other State.

OIA Request #4

Please provide copies of all communications between 01/01/2019 and today's date (being written, posted, emailed, verbal, sms, personal or via any other medium) between The NZ Ministry of Transport and the USA Federal Aviation Administration regarding Pilot Age restrictions for Airline operations over the high seas and territorial airspace into or out of the

United States or any USA Territory and or operation into the high-seas Oceanic Airspace (Oakland KZAK).

OIA Request #5

Please provide copies of all communications between 01/01/2019 and today's date (being written, posted, emailed, verbal, sms, personal or via any other medium) between The NZ Ministry of Transport and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) or any associated agency or agent, and The NZ Civil Aviation Authority, and the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, regarding Pilot Age restrictions for Airline operations, or the operational or health history of the operation of NZ licensed Airline pilots over the age of 65, including any information related to possible changes to the ICAO Annex requirements for Pilot Age.

OIA Request #6

Please provide copies of all communications between 01/01/2019 and today's date (being written, posted, emailed, verbal, sms, personal or via any other medium) between The NZ Ministry of Transport and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and any associated agency or agent, and The NZ Civil Aviation Authority, and the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, regarding Pilot Age restrictions for Airline operations, or the operational or health history of the operation of NZ licensed airline pilots over the age of 65, including any information related to possible changes to the ICAO Annex requirements for Pilot Age.

OIA Request #7

Please provide copies of all communications between 01/01/2019 and today's date (being written, posted, emailed, verbal, sms, personal or via any other medium, between NZ Ministry of Transport and the New Zealand Airline Pilots Association (NZALPA) in relation to the issue of the operation of airline pilots, over the age of 65, for whatever reasons, including Operational, Medical, AirNZ Exposition, Lawful Obligations, ICAO or Annex Obligations, either within the NZ Territorial Airspace, within any High Seas Airspace or within the airspace of any Foreign Jurisdiction."

The Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) does not hold the information you have requested. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act that the information requested is not held by the Ministry, and it has no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses, and the information contained in our reply to you may be published on the Ministry's website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Nāku noa, nā



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