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Dear ██████████

I acknowledge your email of 8 September 2019, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, “any communications, discussion documents or information related to the viability of Whenuapai Air Base being used for commercial flights, following on from Air New Zealand's statements last week. I am keen to know the ministry's position on this also.”

In 2004, the then government directed the Ministry of Economic Development to lead work to produce a whole of government report on the future use of the Whenuapai airbase. The Ministry has not been involved in any discussions around the use of Whenuapai airbase since that time.

The Ministry has not formulated a view in light of Air New Zealand’s recent statements.

Yours sincerely

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