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On 19 April 2021, part of an Official Information Act request you made to the Civil Aviation Authority was transferred to the Ministry of Transport for response. You requested if we:

“Happen to know of any proposed changes to passenger pre-screening on less than 90 seat aircraft”.

We have interpreted your request to mean any documents sent to decision makers proposing changes relating to passenger screening on aircraft with 90 or fewer seats.

New Zealand’s domestic aviation security settings are continually reviewed to ensure that they are fit for purpose under our current threat environment. Advice was provided to the Minister of Transport in 2021 on domestic aviation security settings. However, this advice is being withheld in reliance on sections 6(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act; so as not to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand, and because the information relates to New Zealand’s security settings, is still under review by Ministers.

Regarding the information that has been withheld under Section 9 of the Act, I am of the opinion that there are no countervailing considerations that make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint about the withholding of information to the Ombudsman about the refusal to make information available. The Ombudsman can be contacted at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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

Yours sincerely

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