



Transport Accident Investigation Commission

OIA No. 387

2 July 2024

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Decision on information request

Thank you for your request of 13 June 2024 for all the forensic report/s that contributed to the TAIC report, MD Helicopters Incorporated 500D, ZK-HOJ (In-flight break up, Near Wānaka Aerodrome (AO-2018-009); and the request for internal correspondence relating to the forensic report/s information included within the final report.

The Commission is unable to provide information beyond the material covered in its published report. This is because investigation records such as the forensic report/s information and internal correspondence related to the forensic/s reports information are protected records under Part 3 of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission Act 1990 (in this case, records are protected under section 14B of that Act). It is an offence to disclose these records to any person and the Official Information Act does not apply (section 14R of the Transport Investigation Commission Act 1990). This protection recognises the overarching public interest in safety investigations and is consistent with New Zealand's obligations under the ICAO Convention Annex 13.

For these reasons, the Commission is unable to provide you with the forensic report/s that contributed to the AO-2018-009 final report nor the internal correspondence relating to the forensic report/s information included in the final report.

If you are unhappy with our handing of, or decision on, your information request, you may contact the Ombudsmen.

Yours sincerely

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