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Dear 

I refer to your email of 20 October 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

- 1. Any reports or documents outlining technical difficulties, malfunctions, or performance issues with the FarSounder Argos 1000 sonar system.*
- 2. Any instances where the sonar system failed to meet expected operational requirements or presented safety concerns.*
- 3. Any briefings, assessments, or internal reports discussing the system's reliability or suitability for naval operations.*

Your request is declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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