



Transport Accident Investigation Commission

OIA No. 273, 274, 275

7 April 2021

By email:

Dear Mr

Decision on information request

Thank you for the following queries of 18 March 2021:

1. Did TAIC investigate Eagle Airways Flight 2279 that was hijacked on 8 Feb 2008, if not why not? (OIA#273)
2. Did TAIC investigate Pilot David Turnock threatening to fly a stolen plane into the Sky Tower and then crashing into the ocean on 17 Sept 2005, if not why not? (OIA#274)
3. Has TAIC ever investigated a terrorist incident in NZ? (OIA#275)

The Commission was formally notified about the incident in your first question but not the second question. The Commission did not investigate either occurrence. A list of past and present Commission investigations can be found at <https://www.taic.org.nz/inquiries>.

The Commission has not investigated any terrorism occurrences.

Section 4 of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission Act 1990 outlines the Commission's purpose:

"...to determine the circumstances and causes of accidents and incidents with a view to avoiding similar occurrences in the future, rather than to ascribe blame to any person."

While the Commission is concerned with the transport safety aspect of occurrences, other agencies may be concerned with investigating terrorism, criminality, or liability, including:

- Coroners are tasked with determining the circumstances and causes of death.
- The NZ Police investigate potential criminal liability in relation to an occurrence, and also act as first responders to accidents, and as Coroner's agents.
- The Civil Aviation Agency of New Zealand (CAA) conduct investigations both as the aviation regulator and health and safety regulator in the aviation sector.

For further information on what the Commission investigates, please visit:

<https://www.taic.org.nz/how-we-work/opening-inquiry>.

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If you have any questions, please contact our Support Services Officer at support.services@taic.org.nz if you wish to discuss this response.

If you are unhappy with our handling of or decision on your information request, you may make a complaint to the Ombudsman. However, please talk to us first to see if the issue can be resolved.

Yours sincerely



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