**Minister of Defence**
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**Question**
What overseas deployments, operations, and exercises have been undertaken by Royal New Zealand Air Force P-8A Poseidon aircraft since their entry into service, if any, listed by date and title?

**Reply**
The following tables provide information on the deployments, operations, and exercises involving Royal New Zealand Air Force P-8A Poseidon aircraft since their entry into service.

**Operations / Deployments**

| Name | Dates |
|---|---|
| Ardent | 22 Apr 25, 28 May 25, 15 Oct 25, 8 Mar 26 |
| Norpat | 14 operations from 4 Apr 23 to 8 Jul 26 |
| Whio | 9 Apr 24, 29 Apr 25, 3 Nov 25, 26 Mar 26 |
| Nasse | 19 Jul 23, 2 Jul 24, 25 Jun 25 |
| Iron Sea | 2 Oct 24, 24 Nov 25 |
| Island Chief | 3 Aug 23, 7 Aug 24, 5 Aug 25, 3 Aug 26 |
| Kurukuru | 1 Nov 23, 20 Oct 24, 28 Oct 25 |
| Mawsoni | 28 Nov 23, 18 Nov 24, 2 Dec 24, 19 Nov 25, 2 Dec 25 |
| Rai Balang | 12 Mar 24, 17 Feb 26 |
| Tui Moana | 22 May 23, 11 May 26 |

A P-8A Poseidon was tasked on 6 October 2024 following the sinking of HMNZS Manawanui. Since 12 May 2023, these aircraft are also at National Contingency readiness and provided support on 28 occasions.

**Exercises**

| Name | Dates |
|---|---|
| Pacific Trainer | 11 Dec 23 |
| ASWEX | 27 Feb 24, 27 Mar 25, 29 Mar 25, 2 Apr 25 |
| RIMPAC | 3 Jul 24 |
| Bersama Lima | 25 Sep 24 |
| Talisman Sabre | 14 Jul 25 |
| Tri-Lat Tasman Sea | 4 Aug 25 |
| Sea Dragon | 9 Mar 26 |
| Valiant Shield | 15 Jun 26 |
| Pacific Vanguard | 28 Aug 26 |