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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 3 May 2024, asking *how many hip replacements have been paid for by Defence for the respective services (Army, Navy and Air Force) over the last five years.*

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Four hip replacement operations have been paid for by the New Zealand Defence Force since 2009: one for a member of the New Zealand Army, one for a member of the Royal New Zealand Navy, and two for members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

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Yours sincerely

**AJ WOODS**

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