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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 17 May 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information about New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) accommodation:

- 1. Do any instances currently exist of civilians administering or otherwise operating or controlling accommodation associated with a Defence Area, who also administer or otherwise operate, own, control, or participate in one or more entities contracted or otherwise responsible to Defence (including via a proxy, such as ESS) for providing cleaning, maintenance, or other upkeep services to, around, or in Defence accommodation?*
- 2. Do any instances currently exist of civilians administering or otherwise operating or controlling accommodation, having a family member or close personal relation who is contracted or otherwise responsible to Defence (including via a proxy, such as PAE) for providing maintenance, or other upkeep services to, around, or in Defence accommodation?*
- 3. Were either of the scenarios referred to in questions 1 and 2 previously the case subsequent to 01 January 2010? If so, please specify how many instances, which scenario(s), and over what period each instance spanned.*

The NZDF has not identified any information concerning civilian staff being responsible for administering accommodation facilities owned by the NZDF having an interest in, or being related to a person who has an interest in, any entity engaged under a contract with the NZDF to maintain such accommodation facilities.

As such, these parts of your request are declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as the requested information does not exist. The NZDF may be able to reconsider this request, however, if you have specific information about particular instances that may assist with additional searches.

- 4. What are the obligations to Defence of civilians who find themselves in either of the scenarios referred to in questions 1 and 2?*

Most employment agreements for civilian staff contain 'Conflict of Interest' clauses requiring staff to notify the NZDF immediately if any potential conflict of interest situation arises.

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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