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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 7 August 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

RNZ understands NZDF has been holding a series of meetings with hitech companies, which are unusual for it and not business as usual

Pls could DF

- *Confirm it has been holding such meetings*
- *State if these with NZ firms only, or with overseas hitech firms, too*
- *Explain why*
- *Detail the extent of them*
- *Relate this to wider context of*
 - *The defence capability plan*
 - *NZ's endorsement of the statement on Indopacific defence industrial base collabotation and the US led push for co-development and procurement with allies including in the NTIB and Five Eyes.*
 - *Other wider context*

On 7 August 2024, you were asked to clarify your request to assist the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) readily identify the requested information. You were unable to provide specific details as to the nature of these meetings.

While meetings with companies regularly take place, there have not been any that are considered "unusual" or "not business as usual". Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as this information does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. Were you to provide more particular information concerning the *series of meetings* believed to have taken place, a request will be considered accordingly.

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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