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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 1 November 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *all formal written briefings provided for, and all formal written reports arising from, the Indo-Pacific Environmental Security Forum held in Natadola, Fiji during August 2024.*

I understand that you have made a similar request to the Ministry of Defence. This response will address information that the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) holds. A report from the NZDF attendee is currently being drafted and is withheld in full in its current form in accordance with section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA. This is to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion. The public interest does not outweigh the reasons to withhold it in this instance. There are no other *formal written briefings or formal written reports....provided for or arising from* the Indo-Pacific Environmental Security Forum in August 2024.

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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