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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 3 November 2024 to the Ministry of Defence requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA),

I would like to request the date and time that Dr. Charmaine Tate issued a new warning about the risks of blastwave overpressure for military personnel.

Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with section 14 of the OIA, as the nature of your request is more closely aligned with the functions of the NZDF.

Under the authority of Colonel Charmaine Tate, in her capacity as Director Defence Health and Surgeon General, the Defence Health Directive 23/003 *Medical Management Of Brain Health Hazards In Military Activity* was issued at 12:48 on 6 September 2023. An update was issued and uploaded at 14:34 on 4 September 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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