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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 26 September 2024 to the Office for Māori Crown Relations requesting information related to the Wai 2500 Military Veterans Kaupapa Inquiry under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with section 14 of the OIA and is addressed below.

- Please provide a breakdown of all claimant funding for the Waitangi Tribunal Kaupapa Inquiries activities for the 2015 to 2023 financial years broken down by the various activities being funded e.g. travel, food accommodation, etc*

The following table provides the amount of funding provided by the NZDF to claimants for four hearings that have taken place since 2023. This covers travel arrangements (including flights, shuttle, rental cars), accommodation, and meals. An itemised breakdown as requested cannot be provided as this information is not recorded for all instances.

Wai 2500 Kaupapa Inquiry Hearings	Cost	Number of claimants
Hearing One, 12 - 16 Jun 2023	\$15,769	23
Hearing Two, 26 Feb - 1 Mar 2024	\$37,933	44
Hearing Three, 13 - 16 May 2024		
Hearing Four, 7-11 Oct 2024	\$44,429	56

- Please provide the number of claimants receiving regular funding payments, the amount of those payments, and the duration for which those payments are being made.*

The NZDF does not provide regular funding to claimants.

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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