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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 20 November 2024 to The Treasury requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to Treasury documents about infrastructure planning. As you confirmed you were seeking information submitted by relevant agencies in addition to The Treasury analysis, parts one, four and five of your request were transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) for response.

1. *'specific agencies (Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand, Ministry of Education, Kiwirail, New Zealand Defence Force, Department of Corrections) and specific programmes (New Zealand Upgrade Programme) are required to provide a revised investment programme, based on the investments listed in Annex 6:*
 - *I request release of a copy/ies of each of these revised investment programmes that is up to date*
4. *Also show TSY sought Strategic assessment (initial stage of the business case, outlining problem definition, outcomes being sought from investment and risks, constraints and dependencies*
 - *Pls release the most substantive one or several documents, that are most up to date, re this*
5. *Also show TSY sought detail on impact if investment is stopped, paused, delayed, or phased differently*
 - *Pls release the most substantive one or several documents, that are most up to date, re this*

The NZDF programmes referenced in Annex 6 of The Treasury's *Improved management of capital investment portfolio* report are: the Information Management Programme; the NZDF Housing Programme; the Ohakea Infrastructure Programme – Fuels Precinct; the Network Enabled Army C4 Communications Integration project; and, the Enterprise Productivity project.

The Network Enabled Army C4 Communications Integration project has been split into two parts. The first part focused on facilitating the urgent purchase of Network Enabled Army equipment required for integration into the Army's Bushmaster vehicles. Part 1 was funded

in Budget 2023 and approved by the Cabinet Government Administration and Expenditure Review Committee on 17 August 2023. Information is publicly available online¹. Part 2 is yet to be approved and information is withheld pursuant to sections 9(2)(j) and 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA to avoid prejudice to negotiations and to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials respectively.

Information on the other programmes and projects is also withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA as updates to the Defence Capability Plan (DCP) remain ongoing. The DCP is expected to be released this year and it will detail what is required to modernise the NZDF to operate now and in the future. The DCP will guide the NZDF's investment intentions and the NZDF will work to align existing investments as closely as possible to the DCP once it is released.

As you may be aware, the NZDF participates in the Treasury's Quarterly Investment Reporting (QIR) process to identify and track investments through their investment lifecycle and give visibility to Government Ministers. The Treasury proactively releases QIR information².

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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¹ <https://www.defence.govt.nz/publications/Redacted-Bushmaster-Comms.pdf>

² www.treasury.govt.nz/information-and-services/state-sector-leadership/investment-management/investment-management-system-reporting/quarterly-investment-reporting