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Dear Mr Luke

I refer to your further request of 6 August 2019, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following:

...I would like to understand more about meaning of standby reserve, can you please give me some example of role with in standby reserve and who sort of specialise skills you are required from the standby reserve. What is different between reserve and standby reserve, in particular their training and remuneration.

Further, May I have all the current roles (standby reserve) available within NZ army, NZ air force and NZ navy, and their job description if there is one.

The Standby Reserve is a sub-category within the Active Reserve of each Service. Standby Reserve personnel are typically Ex-Regular Force personnel who have made themselves available to be considered for duty if a New Zealand Defence Force engagement opportunity arises, but are not required to undertake regular training or attendance. They remain subject to the same rules as full-time personnel, and are obliged to retain identification, uniform and an appropriate security clearance, thereby enabling a return to active service at short notice with minimal administrative effort and delay. Standby Reserve personnel retain their last substantive rank, and are paid accordingly (if and when an offer-of-service is made and accepted). This retention of Ex-Regulars in the Reserves allows the NZDF to continue to benefit from the significant training, development and expertise these Service persons acquired. Note, there is no guarantee the NZDF will make Standby Reserve personnel an offer-of-service, nor are they obliged to accept any such offer.

Defence Force Order 09/2014 – Establishment of the Standby Reserve within the Active Reserve is enclosed for your information.

As described above, the Standby Reserve is a pool of readily available experienced personnel. As such there are no explicitly Standby Reserve status roles within the NZDF.

I trust this satisfies your request, however, you retain the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

1. DFO 09/2014 - Establishment of the Standby Reserve within the Active Reserve