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Dear Sebastian

I refer to your request of 4 April 2022, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following:

- *ONE: The most recent NZDF Output Plan*

A copy of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Output Plan FY 2021/22 is enclosed. Where indicated, operational detail is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA, as making this information available would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand. Further detail is withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA, where it is necessary to withhold information to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion. An internal contact address is also withheld, in accordance with section 9(2)(k) of the OIA, to avoid the inappropriate or malicious use of this information. Annex A: Output Performance Specifications is withheld in full in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA, as described above.

- *TWO: The most recent NZDF Annual Plan*

A copy of Chief of Defence Force Directive 04/21 – Chief of Defence Force Annual Plan is enclosed. Annex A: Planning Guidance for Delivery of Outputs is withheld in full in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA, as described above.

- *THREE: International Defence Engagement Strategy*

This Strategy prioritises New Zealand's international defence relationships and determines the key initiatives to maintain and develop our defence engagement. It is withheld in full in accordance with sections 6(a) and 6(b)(i) of the OIA, as making this information available would be likely to prejudice the international relations of the Government of New Zealand, and the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government, respectively.

You have 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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Enclosures:

1. NZDF Output Plan FY 2021/22
2. CDF Directive 04/21