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Dear Erika

RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your correspondence of 13 November 2023 through the fyi.org.nz website, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, the following:

- 1. What budget was allocated for Covid 19 health and safety activities at the Ministry of Defence for the 2021/2022 financial years? For example Covid advisors, Covid risk specialist roles, website info pages etc*
- 2. What designations did the Ministry of Defence receive under section 191 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 in order to act as a regulator for health and safety matters?*

No specific budget was allocated by the Ministry of Defence for COVID-19 health and safety activities in the 2021/22 financial year. The Ministry has not received any designation under section 191 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 in order to act as a regulator for health and safety matters.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

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Pasanka Wickremasinghe
Chief Financial Officer