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Dear Kurt Lorenzen

I refer to your request of 7 August 2021, to the Ministry of Health (MoH), under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for the following:

*Please provide all relevant information around the 1.9 billion dollars earmarked for Mental Health NZ. Including, money spent on paid consultants.*

The MoH informed you, on 30 August 2021, that your request was transferred in part to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) for response. Please find enclosed a table outlining how funding received by the NZDF was allocated and spent.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'AJ Woods', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**AJ WOODS**  
Air Commodore  
Chief of Staff HQNZDF

**Enclosure:**

1. NZDF Figures

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Enclosure One

Initiative	Description	Operating / Capital	2018/19 - \$000		2019/20 - \$000		2020/21 - \$000		2021/22 - \$000		2022/23 - \$000		Total over 5 years - \$000	
			Allocated	Spent	Allocated	Spent	Allocated	Spent	Allocated	Spent	Allocated	Spent	Allocated	Spent
<b>Promoting and Supporting the Health and Wellbeing of Veterans and their Families</b>	This funding will support the provision of a modern and responsive service to meet statutory obligations in response to the Independent Review of the Operations of the Veterans Support Act 2014.	Operating	0	0	608	635	636	673	664	0	157	0	2065	1,308
		Capital	0	0	738	0*	896	2,174**	247	0	120	0	2001	2,174

\* Note: although funds were allocated in FY 2019/20, the business case was not approved until May 2020, therefore no capital costs were incurred during FY 2019/20.

\*\* Capital funding is related to the project of Veterans Support System Upgrade (VSS). The funds of \$2.001M provided to Veterans' Affairs by Treasury as a capital injection. Additional \$3.56 million is released by NZDF from surplus depreciation.