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Dear Stanley Bannerman

I refer to your email of 5 July 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

In some sources the Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment is written with the longer title "Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment (The Duke of York's Own)". However, following the actions of the Duke of York (Prince Andrew) and his removal as colonel-in-chief of the regiment in 2022, the use of "(The Duke of York's Own)" seems inappropriate.

1. What is the correct, official title of this unit? Is the addition of "(The Duke of York's Own)" an informal addition, or is it part of the full title and sometimes just omitted for brevity?

2a. If the use of "(The Duke of York's Own)" is part of the official title, since when has this been in use and are there any intentions to remove it?

2b. If the use of "(The Duke of York's Own)" is not part of the official title, has it ever been part of the official title and over what period was it in use?

The correct title of the unit is the Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment. Approval has not been sought or given for it to be styled "The Duke of York's Own". Reference to "The Duke of York's Own" is informal and has uncertain origins.

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.

Yours sincerely

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