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### Briefings to the Minister of Defence – March 2024

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| Title   | Date       | Office Provided              |
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| Meeting with Commander FANC   | 4/03/2024  | NZDF<br>MoD                  |
| Meeting with Canadian counterpart   | 4/03/2024  | NZDF<br>MoD                  |
| Defence capabilities and dealing with recruitment issues  | 4/03/2024  | OMDRFI-2024-067              |
| International Fund for Ukraine: Fiscally Neutral Adjustment Between Appropriations                | 5/03/2024  | MFAT                         |
| Request to Authorise Ex Gratia Payment – [withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA] | 5/03/2024  | NZDF 2024-035                |
| Afghanistan Locally Employed Civilians: Romero  | 5/03/2024  | OMDRFI-2024-070              |
| Young Offender Military Academies   | 6/03/2024  | OMDRFI-2024-071              |
| Defence Weekly Report (29 February - 6 March)   | 7/03/2024  | NZDF 2024-071<br>MoD 43-2024 |
| Relocation of the Ministry of Health’s National Radiation Spent Sealed Source Store 17-20 Mar 24  | 7/03/2024  | OMDRFI 2024-076              |
| Deployment of NZDF Logistics Support for Solomon Islands Elections 2024                           | 8/03/2024  | NZDF 2024-076<br>MoD 44-2024 |
| Disarmament and Arms Control - Key Challenges and Strategy  | 11/03/2024 | MFAT                         |
| Cost to maintain Boeing 757   | 11/03/2024 | OMDRFI-2024-077              |
| Performance Measures And Readiness  | 12/03/2024 | OMDRFI-2024-078              |
| Accommodation Messing and Dining Modernisation Programme - Linton Pilot Project                   | 13/03/2024 | OMDRFI-2024-079              |
| Defence Audit and Assessment - Proposed 2024 and 2025 Work Programme                              | 13/03/2024 | MoD 048-2024                 |
| Defence Weekly Report (7 - 13 March 2024)   | 14/03/2024 | NZDF 2024-078<br>MoD 49-2024 |
| Notice of Appeal - <i>Four Members of the Armed Forces v CDF</i>                                  | 18/03/2024 | OMDRFI-2024-084              |
| Minister of Defence visit to Defence House  | 18/03/2024 | OMDRFI-2024-086              |
| Breakdown of Consultant Spending in the NZDF and MoD  | 20/03/2024 | OMDRFI-2024-085              |
| 12 month rolling attrition rate for Regular Force personnel and civilian staff                    | 20/03/2024 | OMDRFI-2024-088              |
| VIP Air Transport Support   | 20/03/2024 | OMDRFI-2024-089              |
| Defence Weekly Report (14-20 March)   | 21/03/2024 | NZDF 2024-082<br>MoD 50-2024 |

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| HE Joanne Lemay, Canadian High Commissioner to New Zealand                | 22/03/2024 | MoD                          |
| Request for Retrospective Recognition of Gallantry during the Vietnam War | 22/03/2024 | NZDF 2024-069                |
| Links between Space and Defence   | 25/03/2024 | OMDRFI-2024-091              |
| NZDF engagement with South East Asia – New Zealand Ministerial Meeting    | 25/03/2024 | MoD                          |
| Meeting with United States Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin              | 25/03/2024 | MoD                          |
| Stocktake of New Zealand Defence Force Workforce Retention Initiatives    | 26/03/2024 | NZDF 2024-081                |
| Defence Weekly Report (21 – 27 March 2024)                                | 28/03/2024 | NZDF 2024-085<br>MoD 53-2024 |

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