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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 14 September 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

*How many military personnel across the NZDF, including those on Covid-19-related leave but excluding those on LWOP where the LWOP started earlier than 01/12/2021, are currently deemed undeployable for reasons other than pregnancy or pertaining to Covid-19 vaccination?*

*Please break down the numbers provided in answer to para 1 by rank bracket (Private-Sergeant, Staff Sergeant-WO1, 2nd Lieutenant-Major, and Lieutenant-Colonel and above - and, where applicable, the equivalent Air Force and Navy rank brackets).*

The requested information is provided in the enclosed tables as at 31 August 2022. Any personnel who were already on leave without pay or on parental leave before 1 December 2021 have been excluded from the data.

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](http://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, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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Air Commodore  
Chief of Staff HQNZDF

**Enclosure(s):**

1. Tables – Fitness for service data

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**Table A. Fit for service within New Zealand**

Rank E	RNZN			NZ ARMY			RNZAF			RF Total		
	FIT	UNFIT	Total	FIT	UNFIT	Total	FIT	UNFIT	Total	FIT	UNFIT	Total
<b>Non-Commissioned</b>	1024	581	1605	1878	1736	3614	1234	468	1702	4136	2785	6921
<b>Commissioned</b>	395	236	631	271	543	814	472	214	686	1138	993	2131
<b>Total</b>	<b>1419</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>2236</b>	<b>2149</b>	<b>2279</b>	<b>4428</b>	<b>1706</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>2388</b>	<b>5274</b>	<b>3778</b>	<b>9052</b>

\*Includes OFFCDT (E)

**Table B. Fit for service deployed operationally**

Rank E	RNZN			NZ ARMY			RNZAF			RF Total		
	FIT	UNFIT	Total	FIT	UNFIT	Total	FIT	UNFIT	Total	FIT	UNFIT	Total
<b>Non-Commissioned</b>	814	791	1605	1504	2110	3614	1030	672	1702	3348	3573	6921
<b>Commissioned</b>	331	300	631	252	562	814	425	261	686	1008	1123	2131
<b>Total</b>	<b>1145</b>	<b>1091</b>	<b>2236</b>	<b>1756</b>	<b>2672</b>	<b>4428</b>	<b>1455</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>2388</b>	<b>4356</b>	<b>4696</b>	<b>9052</b>

\*Includes OFFCDT (E)

**Table C. Fit for service within New Zealand**

Rank E	RNZN			NZ ARMY			RNZAF			RF Total		
	FIT	UNFIT	Total	FIT	UNFIT	Total	FIT	UNFIT	Total	FIT	UNFIT	Total
PTE (E) - SGT (E)	857	466	1323	1692	1287	2979	1031	341	1372	3580	2094	5674
SSGT (E) - WO1 (E)	167	115	282	186	449	635	203	127	330	556	691	1247
2LT (E) - MAJ (E)	308	134	442	242	376	618	408	153	561	958	663	1621
LTCOL (E) - LTGEN (E)	61	64	125	22	136	158	55	52	107	138	252	390
<b>Total</b>	<b>1393</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>2172</b>	<b>2142</b>	<b>2248</b>	<b>4390</b>	<b>1697</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>2370</b>	<b>5232</b>	<b>3700</b>	<b>8932</b>

\*Excludes OFFCDT (E)

**Table D. Fit for service deployed operationally**

Rank E	RNZN			NZ ARMY			RNZAF			RF Total		
	FIT	UNFIT	Total	FIT	UNFIT	Total	FIT	UNFIT	Total	FIT	UNFIT	Total
PTE (E) - SGT (E)	672	651	1323	1338	1641	2979	848	524	1372	2858	2816	5674
SSGT (E) - WO1 (E)	142	140	282	166	469	635	182	148	330	490	757	1247
2LT (E) - MAJ (E)	258	184	442	227	391	618	365	196	561	850	771	1621
LTCOL (E) - LTGEN (E)	54	71	125	19	139	158	53	54	107	126	264	390
<b>Total</b>	<b>1126</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>2172</b>	<b>1750</b>	<b>2640</b>	<b>4390</b>	<b>1448</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>2370</b>	<b>4324</b>	<b>4608</b>	<b>8932</b>

\*Excludes OFFCDT (E)