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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 16 November 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information about the New Zealand Special Air Service Regiment (NZSAS). Responses to the items of your request are provided below:

- a list of all named exercises and operations on which active duty SAS members were involved in in the past 6 months
- The total number of active SAS members, broken down by sub-unit and the region of NZ where they were originally from
- the number of new members joining the unit and the number leaving the unit each year for the past ten years

This information is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA.

- The number of people who passed SAS selection from civilian life in the past 10 years, broken down by year

The table at enclosure one provides a breakdown of civilian applicants to the NZSAS. Note that 'Applied' means that the person expressed interest and possibly attended a training day but did not attend the selection course. 'Accepted' means that the person met the prerequisites to begin the selection course.

- The number of infractions which SAS members have been disciplined for in the past year broken down by type of discipline and type of infraction

This information is held in an individual's personal file and is not centrally recorded. It would require a substantial research and collation effort to provide the information requested. As a result, this part of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA.

- The current number of SAS members who are not considered 'active service'. Please indicate their relationship to the unit.

This information is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA.

- The number of reported injuries sustained by active SAS members in the past year, broken down by type of injury and where and how it was obtained

This information is held in an individual's personal file and therefore, as explained above, this part of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA.

*- The number of SAS members on secondment, broken down by destination place, organisation/unit and role there*

This request is declined in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA.

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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**Enclosure:**

1. Civilian recruitment figures for the NZSAS

## Released under the Official Information Act 1982

## Civilian recruitment figures for the NZSAS

Year	Gender	Applied	Accepted	Passed Selection
2010/02	Male	8	8	0
	Female	0	0	0
2011/01	Male	12	12	1
	Female	0	0	0
2011/02	Male	3	3	0
	Female	0	0	0
2012/01	Male	5	4	1
	Female	0	0	0
2012/02	Male	2	2	1
	Female	0	0	0
2013/01	Male	4	4	0
	Female	0	0	0
2013/02	Male	5	4	0
	Female	0	0	0
2014	Male	6	1	1
	Female	0	0	0
2015/01	Male	6	6	0
	Female	0	0	0
2015/02	Male	6	5	2
	Female	0	0	0
2016	Male	6	6	1
	Female	0	1	0
2017	Male	2	2	0
	Female	0	0	0
2018	Male	8	7	1
	Female	0	0	0
2019	Male	6	5	0
	Female	0	0	0
2020	Male	6	4	1
	Female	0	0	0
2021	Male	8	7	1
	Female	0	0	0
2022	Male	6	5	0
	Female	0	0	0