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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 6 January 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), copies of the following:

- All lessons learned, after action reports, reviews or similar documents, generated for Exercise Torokiki*
- If no such documents have been generated, please indicate why*
- All emails regarding preparations for Exercise Torokiki, including correspondence from when the exercise was ongoing*
- All emails following Exercise Torokiki regarding outcomes, observations or highlighting areas for improvement*
- All media monitoring analytics and accompanying correspondence or commentary regarding the exercise*

Exercise Torokiki was completed relatively recently and lessons learned, post activity reports, reviews or similar documents are yet to be completed. It is expected that such documents as will be completed will be finalised by the end of March this year. This part of your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA. An email search for all correspondence regarding Exercise Torokiki resulted in nearly 7,000 results, therefore this part of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA. The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) did not produce any media monitoring analytics regarding Exercise Torokiki. Defence Public Affairs provides a summary of NZDF media coverage and relevant excerpts regarding Exercise Torokiki are provided below:

Monday 28 November 2022

Army gets back to core roles of soldiering in Exercise Torokiki

(<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/300749075/army-gets-back-to-core-roles-of-soldiering-in-exercise-torokiki>)

New Zealand Army personnel are getting back to the core business of soldiering after two years helping combat the Covid-19 pandemic. The army is running its first major exercise since the completion of Operation Protect, the Defence Force's response to Covid-19, this week in Manawatū. Exercise Torokiki is being held at Linton Military Camp and Raumai Range west of Bulls in Rangitikei. It is a milestone in the army's five-year regeneration plan.

– Stuff

Wednesday 7 December 2022

NZ Army restarts major training activity amid manning crisis

(<https://www.shephardmedia.com/news/landwarfareintl/nz-army-re-starts-major-training-activity-amid-manning-crisis/>)

The capability of the New Zealand Army has been significantly damaged by its commitment to Operation Protect, the military contribution to the government's response to COVID-19.

- Shepherd Media

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, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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