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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 13 January 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

- Was NZDF OSINT capability used to support operation protect?
- If so, please provide all reports and presentations generated as part of this operational commitment (including staff training)
- If so, what platforms were monitored and what OSINT tools were used? What timeframes were staff committed for and how many staff were used?
- Were any NZDF staff seconded to other agencies for OSINT purposes during Op Protect? If so, how many staff, to what agencies and for how long? What roles did they undertake? Was any other support given by NZDF staff to bolster the OSINT capabilities of other agencies in line with the goals of Op Protect?

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) did not provide Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) support for Operation Protect, nor were any NZDF personnel or staff seconded to other agencies to provide OSINT support during Operation Protect.

*-Have any other NZDF capabilities been directed towards domestic OSINT monitoring outside of operation protect? If so, what platforms and what timeframes?*

The NZDF has provided OSINT capability to the NZ Police for a limited timeframe following a request for assistance from the NZ Police. Details are withheld 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.

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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