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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 20 February 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

- 1. The amount of ammunition purchased in the past 5 years organised by calibre and by calendar year (up to and including the end of 2022).*
- 2. The amount of ammunition used, for all purposes including training, operational activities or otherwise, in the past 5 years organised by calibre and by calendar year (up to and including the end of 2022).*
- 3. The amount of money (\$) spent on ammunition in the past 10 years organised by calibre.*
- 4. The amount of ammunition imported directly by the Ministry of Defence and the amount of ammunition purchased from domestic suppliers.*

With respect to the amount of ammunition purchased and used by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), this information is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA.

The records of the NZDF inventory are not broken down into calibres and some ammunition is not defined in calibres. Therefore, this part of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA, as it would take a substantial coalition and research effort to present the data in the way you have requested it. The table below outlines the total amount of money spent on ammunition in the past ten years.

Total amount of money (\$) spent on ammunition in the past 10 years	Grand Total
Grand Total	\$236,173,000

The tables below provide a breakdown of the amount of ammunition from domestic and international suppliers over the past ten years respectively.

Total amount of money (\$) spent on ammunition from Domestic suppliers in the past 10 years	Grand Total
Grand Total	\$44,637,000

Total amount of money (\$) spent on ammunition from international suppliers in the past 10 years	Grand Total
Grand Total	\$191,536,000

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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