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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 17 June 2023 requesting the findings of the 'review of all existing control measures will be undertaken by the Health Strategy Reference Group (Occupational Health)'. Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) commissioned Air Matters Ltd, a company that undertakes occupational hygiene and environmental air quality testing, to conduct a lead risk assessment for the NZDF. Air Matters provided a report in August 2021, with 13 recommendations to manage lead across the NZDF.

The NZDF Health Strategy Reference Group stopped meeting as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the NZDF's support to the all-of-government response. The Occupational Health Working Group (OHWG) has been created to replace the NZDF Health Strategy Reference Group. The OHWG is coordinating the management of lead, including the Air Matters recommendations.

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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