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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 5 September 2023 to the Ministry of Defence requesting, the *annual spend on dental treatment for people in Defence Service*. As your request concerns operational matters of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) it was transferred in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The NZDF annual dental spend for financial year 2022/23, broken down by personnel and operating costs, is provided in the table below. Personnel costs cover Regular Force and Active Reserve Force personnel, civilian staff, casual staff (Dental Hygienists and Assistants) and entitled allowances. Operational costs cover education and training, travel, repairs and maintenance, property maintenance, materiel and purchase of services. Note, depreciation, capital charge and insurance are not included.

NZDF annual dental spend	Actual \$M
Operating	1.871
Personnel	6.210
Total	8.081

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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