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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 16 December 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

- *The number of military personal across the NZDF, including those on Covid-19-related leave but excluding those on LWOP where the LWOP started earlier than 01/12/2021, are currently deemed deployable and undeployable for reasons other than pregnancy or pertaining to Covid-19 vaccination, separated into domestic and international deployment?*
- *Please break down the numbers provided in answer to para 1 by rank bracket (Private/Sergeant, Staff Sergeant-WO1, 2nd Lieutenant-Major, and Lieutenant-Colonel and above - and, where applicable, the equivalent Air Force and Navy rank brackets).*

The information you have requested is enclosed. Personnel who were on leave without pay or on parental leave before 1 December 2021 have been excluded from the data. Fitness criteria related to vaccinations is unable to be split by vaccination type.

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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Enclosure:

1. Fitness for service data

Enclosure 1

Table A. Headcount of current Regular Force personnel, as at 31 December 2023, who meet the Fit For Service criteria for service within New Zealand (FFS NZ)¹ and who meet the Fit For Service criteria for international deployment (FFS DEPLOY).²

	FIT FOR SERVICE NZ		FIT FOR SERVICE DEPLOY	
	FIT	UNFIT	FIT	UNFIT
Royal New Zealand Navy	1390	570	1280	680
PTE(E) – SGT(E)	794	255	728	321
SSGT(E) - WO1(E)	194	101	186	109
OFFCDT(E) – MAJ(E)	333	156	305	184
LTCOL(E) +	69	58	61	66
New Zealand Army	2666	1358	2200	1824
PTE - SGT	1843	737	1506	1074
SSGT - WO1	337	315	281	371
OFFCDT - MAJ	390	233	337	286
LTCOL+	96	73	76	93
Royal New Zealand Air Force	1546	713	1409	850
PTE(E) - SGT(E)	885	368	789	464
SSGT(E) - WO1(E)	209	131	195	145
OFFCDT(E) - MAJ(E)	394	166	372	188
LTCOL(E)+	58	48	53	53
Total	5602	2641	4889	3354

¹ FFS NZ criteria include: fitness, security clearance, and medical.

² FFS DEPLOY criteria include: fitness, security clearance, medical, dental and passport.