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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 26 February 2024 to the Ministry of Defence requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1/ *How Many members of the Ukrainian military has the New Zealand defence force trained since the Ukraine conflict started on February 24th 2022?*
- 2/ *How many of those trained have been killed up till now?*
- 3/ *How many of those have been wounded up till now?*
- 4/ *What length of training have the Ukranian soldiers been given before they are sent to fight? Has the length of time training been reduced since they beginning of the conflict and if so, by how much?*
- 5/ *What age has been the youngest and what age has been the oldest trained soldier?*

Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with the OIA as the nature of your request is more closely aligned with the functions of the NZDF.

Information regarding the NZDF support to training provided by the United Kingdom to the Armed Forces of Ukraine is available on the NZDF website¹. Since the training began in September 2022, the NZDF has trained over 2,700 recruits of various ages ranging from 18 to the late 50s. The basic infantry training provided by NZDF personnel takes place over five weeks.

Parts 2, 3 and 4 of your request are declined in accordance with section 18(g)(i) of the OIA as this information is not held by the NZDF and it is not believed to be held by any other department or Government minister.

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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¹<https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/media-centre/story-collections/support-to-ukraine/>