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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 19 March 2024, requesting '*total casualties figures for the New Zealand Defence Force involvement in Bosnia, Timor and Afghanistan*'. Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

For the purpose of this response, 'casualties' refer to New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel wounded in action (battle casualties) and do not include accidents, illness, or injuries as a result of sporting activities or physical training (non-battle casualties) of a relatively routine or minor nature.

While readily retrievable information on battle casualties is only available from 2001, no battle casualties have been recorded in relation to the NZDF deployment to East Timor ending in 2002 or the NZDF deployment to Timor-Leste from 2006 to 2012. No battle casualties are recorded for Bosnia and 18 battle casualties were recorded for Afghanistan overall.

In terms of deaths on operational service, a total of 10 deaths were recorded for NZDF personnel deployed to Afghanistan between 2002 and 2013. A total of 5 deaths (1 battle related and 4 non-battle related) were recorded for NZDF personnel deployed to East Timor/Timor-Leste between 1999 and 2002. There was 1 death recorded of a NZDF member deployed to Bosnia in 1995 but this individual was on out of theatre leave in Rome at the time.

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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