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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 19 April 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *all correspondence between the Defence Force and the relevant minister about savings or job cuts being made to the agency as a part of the government's directive for it to make a 6.5% saving. Please include any internal correspondence within the agency as well.*

Any savings proposals are included in Budget 2024 Vote Defence Force advice within the New Zealand Defence Force and to Ministers. As no decisions have yet been made, such advice is withheld in full in accordance with section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.

Budget decisions will be announced on 30 May 2024, and the advice underpinning the decisions will be released publicly via proactive release in the weeks after Budget day.

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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