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Dear Valerie Morse

I refer to your email of 18 July 2024 requesting the following:

I request a list of all bi-lateral, multilateral or other international training exercises that the NZDF has participated in or been invited to, but not participated in, in the past two years (since June 2022), a gist of what those exercises entail, and what assets and/or troops participated in each.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The enclosed table provides information on training exercises that New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel participated in between June 2022 and July 2024. Details for one exercise are withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA to avoid prejudice to the security and defence of New Zealand and the international relations of the Government of New Zealand. The NZDF declined an invitation to attend a multi-national space event exercise that took place in France during March 2024.

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.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

1. NZDF international training exercises (June 2022 to July 2024)

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NZDF International Training Exercises June 2022 to July 2024

Dates	Exercise	Location	Type	NZDF assets deployed	NZDF personnel
11-19 Jun 2022	MILNE BAY	Australia	Command Post Exercise	HQ Deployed Joint Inter Agency staff (as observers)	5
26-30 Jun 2022	Bell Buoy 22	Hawaii	Multinational Maritime	Staff Officers	2
29 Jun - 4 Aug 2022	RIMPAC 22	Hawaii	Multinational Combined Joint Forces activity	HMNZS Aotearoa, HMNZS Matataua, Joint Tactical Air Controllers, Staff Officers	40
1-31 Jul 2022	Veilieutaki 22	Fiji	Close country leadership training	Officer Cadet School and support staff	91
1 Jul - 1 Oct 2022	Hari'i Hamutuk 22	Timor Leste	Multinational Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Combat driver and maintenance fitter instructors	4
8 Jul - 8 Aug 2022	TROPIC TWILIGHT 22	Niue	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Army Engineers	55
11 Jul - 5 Aug 2022	Brolga Run 22	Australia	Conventional infantry operations	Infantry Company	78
25 Jul - 3 Aug 2022	GLOBAL SENTINEL 22	USA	Multinational space domain awareness collaboration exercise	Observer	1
27 Jul - 14 Aug 2022	Garuda Shield 22	Indonesia	Multinational Engagement	Observers	2
14-26 Aug 2022	SEACAT 22	Singapore	Multinational Maritime	Maritime Trade Organisation staff	4
19 Aug - 2 Sep 2022	PITCH BLACK 22	Australia	Multinational Engagement	Combat Support personnel	66
6 Aug - 3 Sep 2022	ULCHI FREEDOM SHIELD 22	Republic of Korea	Multinational Engagement	Staff officers	8
20-30 Sep 2022	AATTC (Advanced Airlift Tactical Training Center) 22	USA	Multinational Training	One RNZAF C130H Hercules and support personnel	17
9-25 Sep 2022	Cartwheel 22	Fiji	Multinational Engagement	Infantry platoon, instructing staff, and logistic support	93
10-25 Sep 2022	Kakadu 22	Australia	Multinational Maritime	Maritime Trade Organisation, Logistics, and Maritime Training Group personnel	8
14 Sep – 7 Oct 2022	Ardent Defender 22	Canada	Multinational Training	Explosive Ordnance Device personnel	16
25 Sep - 7 Oct 2022	Northern Challenge 22	Iceland	Multinational Engagement	Maritime explosive ordnance disposal personnel	15
30 Sep - 16 Oct 2022	Multinational Mine Warfare Exercise 22	Republic of Korea	Multinational Maritime	Maritime mine countermeasures and dive personnel	24
3-19 Oct 2022	Cambrian Patrol 22	United Kingdom	Multinational Engagement	Infantry section	10
5-22 Oct 2022	Baltic Maple 22.2	Canada	Multinational Training	Artillery observers	11
9-29 Oct 2022	Suman Protector 22	Singapore	Command Post Exercise	Staff Officers	33
7-11 Nov 2022	Rainbow Phoenix 22	Australia	Medical Training	Medical personnel	5
15 Nov - 2 Dec 2022	Ex VIGILANT PACIFIC 22	Hawaii	Multinational Engagement	NZDF staff	20
14-25 Nov 2022	EQUATEUR 22	New Caledonia	Command Post Exercise	HQ Staff Officers	4

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26 Nov - 5 Dec 2022	Baltic Maple 22.2 (Phase 2)	USA	Multinational Training	Artillery observers	11
1-12 Dec 2022	Digital Horizon 22	Bahrain	Multinational Engagement	Observer	1
21-30 Jan 2023	Dynamic Move	Belgium	Multinational Training	Observers	2
30 Jan - 27 Feb 2023	EX COPE NORTH 23	Guam	Tri-lateral Training	Combat Support personnel	10
25 Feb - 17 Mar 2023	International Maritime Exercise 23	Bahrain	Multilateral Maritime	Maritime Trade Organisation and Maritime Mine Countermeasures Staff Officers	6
6-23 Mar 2023	Freedom Shield 23	Republic of Korea	Multinational Training	Staff Officers	7
7-31 Mar 2023	Bardia 23	Australia	Bilateral Training	Reserve Force infantry platoon and support staff	47
23 Apr - 9 May 2023	Croix Du Sud 23	New Caledonia	Multinational Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Infantry platoon and support staff	42
21 Apr - 13 May 2023	BERSAMA SHIELD 23	Malaysia	Multinational Training	Staff Officers	10
15-26 May 2023	Baltic Maple 23.1	Canada	Multinational Training	Artillery observers	10
24 Apr - 1 Jun 2023	TROPIC TWILIGHT 23	Tonga	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Army Engineers	46
13-24 Mar 2023	ICEDIVEX	Canada	Multinational Training	Dive personnel	5
5-10 Jun 2023	KOMODO	Indonesia	Multinational Maritime	Observers	2
17-18 Jun 2023	Cyber Guard 23	USA	Cyber Interoperability	NZDF staff	2
18-30 Jun 2023	Cyber Flag 23	USA	Cyber Interoperability	NZDF staff	2
1-22 Jul 2023	Mobility Guardian 23	Guam	Air Mobility	Combat Support Personnel	47
3 Jul - 31 Oct 2023	Ex PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP 23	Pacific	Multinational Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Staff Officers	6
15 Jul – 30 Aug 2023	PACWING 23	Papua New Guinea	Multinational Training	Combat personnel	60
1-23 Aug 2023	Talisman Sabre 23	Australia	Multinational Combined Joint Forces activity	Motorised Infantry Company, logistic elements, NH90 helicopters and personnel	320
6-12 Aug 2023	KUPE TONGA 23	Tonga	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Staff Officers	3
7-18 Aug 2023	KERIS AMAN II 2023	Malaysia	Multilateral Peace Keeping Operations Training	Staff Officers	2
9 Aug - 2 Sep 2023	ULCHI FREEDOM SHIELD 23	Republic of Korea	Multinational Engagement	Staff Officers	8
15-19 Aug 23	Pacific Endeavour	INDOPACOM Region	Multinational Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	P-8A Poseidon aircraft, Defence Communications Station Devonport, Army Signals Squadron	20
14-25 Aug 23	SEACAT 23	Singapore	Multinational Maritime	Boarding team personnel	7

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21 Aug - 29 Sep 23	Hari'i Hamutuk 23	Timor Leste	Multinational Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Combat driver and maintenance fitter instructors	4
31 Aug - 13 Sep 2023	Super Garuda Shield 23	Indonesia	Multinational Engagement	Observers	2
1 Sep – 2 Oct 2023	Luluai 23	Papua New Guinea	Close country leadership training	OCS and supporting staff	113
3-7 Sep 2023	KUPE SAMOA 23	Samoa	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Staff Officers	4
4-8 Sep 2023	LONGREACH 23	Papua New Guinea	Multinational Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	Staff Officer	1
6-28 Sep 2023	Cartwheel 23	Fiji	Multinational Engagement	Infantry platoon, instructors, and logistic support	60
10-23 Sep 2023	Mureng 23	Guam	Multinational Engagement	Dive staff	13
11-22 Sep 2023	REPMUS/Dynamic Messenger 23	Portugal	Multinational Maritime	Observers	2
21 Sep - 4 Oct 2023	Northern Challenge 23	Iceland	Multinational Engagement	Maritime explosive ordnance disposal personnel.	13
2-20 Oct 2023	BERSAMA LIMA 23	Singapore	Multinational Engagement	HMNZS Te Mana	33 Staff Officers + crew
2-7 Oct 2023	SAMASAMA 23	Philippines	Multinational Engagement	Observer	1
6-15 Oct 2023	Cambrian Patrol 23	United Kingdom	Multinational Engagement	Infantry section	10
14 Oct - 8 Nov 2023	Ardent Defender 23	Canada	Multinational Training	Explosive Ordnance Device personnel	20
18-27 Oct 2023	Multi National Mine Warfare Exercise 23	Republic of Korea	Multinational Maritime	Maritime Mine Countermeasures and dive personnel	24
23 Oct - 4 Nov 2023	Autonomous Warrior 23	Australia	Australian Defence Force exercise	Observers	2
1-29 Nov 2023	Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Center	USA	Multinational Training	Artillery battery	98
6-17 Nov 2023	Suman Warrior 23	Australia	Command Post Exercise	Staff Officers	34
14-20 Nov 2023	JSDF Joint Exercise 2023	Japan	Japanese Self Defence Force FTX	Observers	2
11-25 Nov 2023	Ex VIGILANT PACIFIC 23	Australia	Multinational Engagement	NZDF staff	16
5-16 Feb 2024	GLOBAL SENTINEL 24	USA	Multinational space domain awareness	Staff Officers	4
19-27 Feb 2024	MILAN 24	India	Multinational Maritime	Staff Officer	1
25 Feb - 16 Mar 2024	Freedom Shield 24	Republic of Korea	Multinational Training	Staff officers	8
4-20 Mar 2024	Viper Walk	Australia	Multinational Training	Medical personnel	10
4-22 Mar 2024	Dugong 24	Australia	Multinational Maritime	Maritime Mine Countermeasures and dive personnel	24

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28 Mar - 18 Apr 2024	Baltic Maple 24	USA	Multinational Training	Artillery observers	11
16 Apr - 25 May 2024	Pacific Kukri 24	New Zealand	Bilateral Training	Infantry Company	240
20 Apr - 6 May 2024	Tagata Toa	New Caledonia	Multinational Training	Infantry platoon	32
22 Apr - 8 May 2024	BERSAMA SHIELD 24	Malaysia	Multinational Training	Staff Officers	10
22 Apr - 31 May 2024	TROPIC TWILIGHT 24	Tonga	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	RNZAF C-130H aircraft and Army Engineers	58
4-19 May 2024	CYBER FLAG 24	USA	Multinational Engagement	NZDF Staff	18
5-11 May 2024	Balikatan	Philippines	Multinational Engagement	Observer	1
20 May - 11 Jun 2024	MARARA 24	Tahiti	Multinational Engagement	NZDF staff	2
17-28 Jun 2024	Bell Buoy 24	France	Multinational Maritime	Staff Officer	1
15 Jul - 2 Aug 2024	PITCH BLACK 24	Australia	Multinational Engagement	Combat Support Personnel	65
15 Jul - 11 Aug 2024	Veitonkani	Fiji	Close country leadership training	Officer Cadet School and support staff	123
15-26 Jul 2024	Pirap Jabiru 24	Thailand	Peacekeeping training	Observer	1
7-10 May 2024	Pacific Horizon	INDOPACOM Region	Multinational Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity	HMNZS Taupo and NZDF staff	15
13 May - 7 Jun 2024	VITAL PROSPECT 24	Australia	Australian Defence Force Command Post Exercise	NZDF staff	15
3-21 Jun 2024	VALIANT SHIELD 24	Hawaii	Multinational Maritime	NZDF staff	10