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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 17 September 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA),

*an update on capital investment planned by the defence force in the Manawatū Region over the period 2024-2034. We also request information of the level of capital investment undertaken by the Defence Force since 2018. The latest data we have is from 2019, which indicated a budget of \$660M for the 'Linton and Ohakea regeneration plan'.*

All future investment into infrastructure and housing by the New Zealand Defence Force fall within the Defence Capability Plan and the Defence Estate Regeneration Plan which are currently under development. Until the plans are finalised it is impossible to provide an update. Current approved NZDF plans for investment into housing are contained in the 8 June 2023 Cabinet Paper available on the NZDF Website<sup>1</sup>.

The capital investment made by the NZDF in the Manawatu region from 1 July 2017 until the time of your request is approximately \$520 million. This includes investment in Defence property at Waiouru.

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](http://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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<sup>1</sup> <https://nzdf.mil.nz/assets/Uploads/DocumentLibrary/GOV-23-MIN-0014-NZDF-Housing-Programme-Business-Case-and-Detailed-Business-Cases.pdf>