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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 19 September 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the below information relating to age trends among New Zealand Special Air Service personnel:

*The age of the oldest person to successfully pass the NZSAS selection process.*

43 years old.

*The average age of individuals who successfully pass the NZSAS selection.*

27 years old.

*The age of the oldest person to complete the entire NZSAS training cycle and become a fully badged NZSAS member.*

38 years old.

*The average age of currently active or recently badged NZSAS operators.*

36 years old.

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Yours sincerely

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