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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 2 December 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Are you please able to confirm what the plans are, a breakdown of costs, whether staff are at all paying or expected to bring their own drinks or food, and whether it is in-house or at an external site? In addition, can you please clarify if Christmas parties are being scaled back or are at all different this year in relation to a savings directive?

No public funding has been allocated to the Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Christmas function.

The event will be held in Defence House and will be organised by the Headquarters Fernleaf Social Club. The Social Club is a non-public fund with a committee of volunteers. The Club has budgeted \$2500 of non-public funds for the event with a large proportion of that figure for food. Attendees will pay for their own drinks at a bar facility.

The Social Club was mindful of budget pressures when planning the event, taking the initiative to limit external dependency and cost.

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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