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I refer to your email of 13 December 2024, regarding your earlier request about New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) expenditure on building warrants of fitness (OIA-2024-5230).

I am looking to find out specifically the direct costs incurred, including on contractors and consultants, for conducing the building warrant of fitness process for your agency's buildings. I am not seeking information on the remedial costs associated with making buildings compliant.

Also to refine the timeframe for FY 24 - 1 Jul 2023 to 30 June 2024, and the costs to exclude GST.

This request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

For the financial year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, the NZDF incurred direct costs of \$991,348 excluding GST for conducting the building warrant of fitness process. This figure includes costs for contractors and consultants. Council Building Warrant of fitness costs were \$117,839 excluding GST.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> 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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