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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 3 March 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

*...your agency's spend on Koru Lounge/ Koru Club memberships in the past five financial years [if applicable], including the most recent one. In addition, please provide a total of how many staff in those years have been given Koru membership, and if it has reduced, a statement on why these decisions were made, and if it was due to wider cost savings.*

The number of Koru Club memberships that were paid by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) for its members has been 13 or fewer throughout the last five years. These members are required to travel as a significant part of their duties, including regular business travel, or to meet visiting dignitaries, or to accompany guests within New Zealand. Only a few very senior members of the NZDF qualify for memberships in airline clubs at public expense; however, because of the way these are managed a specific cost is not available.

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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