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Dear Mr Holland

Thank you for your email of 6 May in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information;

1. *When Defence will take the Future Air Mobility Capability (FAMC) project to Cabinet?*

It is currently scheduled that a paper related to this project will be submitted to Cabinet in June for consideration.

2. *And whether there will be any capability gap or safety risks between the end of life of the C-130 Hercules, and the entry into service of their FAMC replacement?*

The existing C-130H(NZ) Hercules aircraft are expected to remain airworthy until the mid-2020s. Defence is confident that on planned timelines and with maintenance of the existing aircraft, the C-130H(NZ) Hercules can be replaced without creating a capability gap or safety risk.

Under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to request the Ombudsman review and investigate this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben McLachlan'.

Ben McLachlan
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