



OIA-2019-3583

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Dear Mr Luke

I refer to your request of 24 July 2019, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

I request a breakdown of NZDF Reserve Force numbers (to include the Royal New Zealand Navy Volunteer Reserve, the Territorial Air Force and the Territorial Force of the New Zealand Army) for each of the years 2015 to 2019 showing the numbers allocated respectively to High Readiness Reserve (or equivalent), Active Reserve and Standby Reserve.

The table below provides a total headcount of New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Reserve Forces personnel, as at 30 June 2015 – 2018.¹ This is broken down by Service, and by Reserve Status which is explained in further detail below:

Ready Reserve: those personnel who attend training on a regular basis.

Standby Reserve: those personnel who do not attend training regularly but who may be called on occasionally for their specialist skills.

Other: this includes some small numbers of personnel under university training schemes and General Service Hands.

Table 1 – NZDF Reserve Force Numbers by Service and Reserve Status

	Jun-2015	Jun-2016	Jun-2017	Jun-2018	Jun-2019
RNZN	432	440	464	480	528
Ready Reserve	204	145	112	101	99
Standby Reserve	218	287	345	372	424
Other	10	8	7	7	5
NZ ARMY	1573	1666	1662	1685	1812
Ready Reserve	1543	1607	1530	1067	1109
Standby Reserve	15	49	123	618	703
Other	15	10	9		
RNZAF	209	213	228	255	249
Ready Reserve	182	159	151	162	144
Standby Reserve	3	35	65	86	101
Other	24	19	12	7	4
Grand Total	2214	2319	2354	2420	2589

¹ Note: This does not include those personnel who have left the NZDF but who would still have a service liability in time of emergency.

More information can be found in NZDF Annual Reports which are available online, back to 2008, on the NZDF website.²

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.J. Woods', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

A.J. WOODS
Air Commodore
Chief of Staff HQNZDF

² www.nzdf.mil.nz/corporate-documents/annual-report/