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Dear Mr Williams

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 1 April 2020, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

“In 1999 the Ministry of Defence issued a request for registration of interest to potential suppliers regarding the acquisition of Light Armoured Vehicles. If you have this information I would like to know which potential suppliers received a request for registration of interest, which 16 potential suppliers responded to the registration of interest and which 17 vehicles were reviewed by HVR Consulting Services as potential candidates to fill the NZDFs criteria for a Light Armoured Vehicle.”

We have been unable to undertake a search of our hard copy files to determine whether this information is held by the Ministry as the information you have requested is now more than 20 years old and our staff are currently working remotely from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have, however, conducted a search of our electronic files, and were unable to locate information on which companies received the request for registration of interest for the Light Armoured Vehicle project. As such, I am declining this part of the request under section 18(e) of the Act, as despite reasonable efforts at this time to locate it, this information cannot be found.

In relation to the second and third part of your request, please see the below table with the names of the 16 companies that responded to the registration of interest, along with the 17 vehicles that were reviewed for the LAV project.

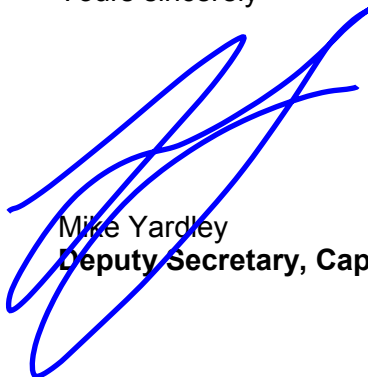
	Company	Vehicle
1	Al-Faris & Company for Heavy Industries	AD-40-8-1 (8X8)
2	Diesel Division General Motors of Canada Ltd	LAV 3 (8X8)
3	Giat Industries	VAB 6x6
4	Henschel Wehrtechnik GmbH	Transportpanzer Fuchs 6x6
5	Hyundai Precision & Ind. Co Ltd	KN-FOV MP-8X8
6	Patria Vehicles Oy	SISU XA-200

7	SBB Blindados SA SANTA BARBARA	BMR 600
8	Steyr-Daimler-Puch Spezialfahrzeug	Pandur
9	Textron Marine & Land Systems	CADILLAC GAGE LAV300 (6X6)
10	ACMAT	TPK6 35 BL TPK4 20 BL
11	ADI	Predator
12	All Terrian Aust.Pty Ltd	Tatrapan 6x6
13	Consortio Iveco Fiat-Oto Melara	Centaurio VBC 8X8 PUMA 6X6
14	HUNZ Export International Ltd	BTR-80
15	Reumech OMC	Ratel 6x6
16	Rosvoorouzhenie State Corporation	BTR-80 BTR-80A

Further details about this project are outlined in the Auditor-General's report on the procurement of the LAV and the Light Operational Vehicle (LOV). This report provides additional information on the tender process for the LAV project. It can be found on the Auditor-General's website at www.oag.parliament.nz/2001/lav-lov.

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

Yours sincerely



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