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Dear John

I refer to your request of 16 September 2020, to the Ministry of Defence, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following:

I would like to know the name of Patron for all the Limited Service Volunteer intakes since it's inception and if you have their bio if would be great. Also the process of selecting the Patron and what benefit they get as well, e.g. pay rate, expense reimbursement, uniform etc. How did you call for public expression of interest to this role or is this a exclusive invited only role?

Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) for response on 23 September 2020.

A list of all Limited Service Volunteer (LSV) Patrons is enclosed. The Patrons confirmed for LSV courses that were cancelled due to COVID-19 are included in this list. It is anticipated they will be Patrons of future courses.

Copies of bios held are also enclosed. Note, these were either generated from information available online, or provided by the individual, when they were a Patron.

The NZDF does not advertise for Patrons. Selection by the NZDF is from nominations made by the Defence Employer Support Council, Ministry of Social Development, employers or previous Patrons. These nominations are reviewed and short-listed within the Youth Development Unit (YDU), and final approval sits with the NZDF Chief People Officer.

The following criteria for the selection of Patrons involved in LSV Intakes are not all encompassing but desirable attributes expected of a Patron:

- **Influential in regard to Employment.** Patrons who can assist with the employment of LSV trainees after their completion of the six week residential course. This is a particularly important aspect as the ultimate aim of the programme is to create employment opportunities for LSV trainees. It is expected that this criterion will be supplemented by other criteria.
- **Influential in the Governance of NZ.** Patrons who are influential in either central or local government. These enables a wider knowledge of the YDU to be passed through organisations which can assist with employment of trainees and cement the YDU function as a viable youth training organisation.

- **Iconic.** Patrons who have excelled in a chosen venture, often sport. They are therefore well known in general to the NZ public and their selection not only enthruses the trainees but generally adds importance to the LSV programme.
- **Influential within NZ Society.** Patrons who have influence within NZ society generally. They will generally be passionate about seeing the youth of NZ uplifted in many ways.
- **Military Hierarchy.** In the past, current and former Service Chiefs and other high ranking military personnel have been Patrons. This patronage socialised the YDU throughout the NZDF and created awareness of its work.
- **Attendance at key LSV Intake Events.** There are a list of key events on the LSV training programme that a Patron is expected to attend. These include an opening visit and participation in the Graduation Parade.

Patrons do not receive financial benefits or allowances. They are presented with a black jacket, a YDU embroidered ball cap, an LSV Unit Coin and a framed photo of the LSV class.

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

Yours sincerely



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Air Commodore

Chief of Staff HQNZDF

Enclosures:

1. LSV Patron List
2. Available LSV Patron Bios