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Dear B Welsh

RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 13 April 2021, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

the total construction cost of the HMNZS Aotearoa - A11, and projected annual maintenance costs.

The total project cost for the Maritime Sustainment Capability project is \$493 million. This total includes the construction cost of *HMNZS Aotearoa*, project management, and supporting infrastructure at Devonport Naval Base. A breakdown of these costs are unable to be provided due to commercial sensitivities, and as such, are withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.

The information you have requested regarding the projected annual maintenance costs for *HMNZS Aotearoa* is more closely connected to the work of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). Accordingly, I am transferring this part of your request to the NZDF in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

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

Yours sincerely



Mike Yardley
Deputy Secretary
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