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Dear B Welsh

I refer to your email of 13 April 2021 to the Ministry of Defence requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA),

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

As per the Ministry of Defence's 23 April 2021 response, the part of your request with respect to the maintenance costs of HMNZS Aotearoa was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the OIA, as this is more closely connected to the work of the NZDF.

The estimated annual average maintenance costs for HMNZS Aotearoa is \$5.64 million, per annum, for the next 10 years.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'AJ Woods', with a stylized flourish underneath.

**AJ WOODS**

Air Commodore  
Chief of Staff HQNZDF