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Dear Finn Murphy

I refer to your email of 16 April 2021 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

*The number of currently serving uniformed NZDF personnel diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Aspergers Syndrome, Broken down by Service and officer/other ranks*

*The total number of uniformed NZDF personnel who have ever served with diagnoses of Autism Spectrum Disorder or Aspergers Syndrome, Broken down by Service and officer/other ranks*

Given the complexities of diagnosis, and the way in which information regarding NZDF personnel is held, answers to these questions cannot be provided without comprehensive review of individual medical files. Accordingly, this request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

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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