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Dear B James

## RESPONSE TO YOUR INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 28 December 2021 in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*Has the MoD or NZDF ever purchased or possessed any form of Directed Energy Weapons/Microwave Weapons? If so, please cite them by their patent number(s)*

On 15 February 2022 I extended the time for responding to your request to allow for consultation. This has now been completed and I can advise the Ministry of Defence and New Zealand Defence Force have not purchased or possess directed energy or microwave weapons.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Yardley'.

Michael Yardley  
Deputy Secretary, Capability Delivery