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Tēnā koe Harold

I refer to your email of 25 February 2022, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), 11 reports that had been provided to me.

1. 10/09/2021 *"Update on the Planned Deployment of NZDF Air and Naval Assets to the South East Asia Region from September to November 2021"*
2. 17/09/2021 *"Aide Memoire: Deployment of NZDF air and naval assets to the South China Sea, September - November 2021"*
3. 24/09/2021 *"Aide Memoire: Deployment of NZDF air and naval assets to the South China Sea, September - October 2021"*
4. 01/10/2021 *"Update - deployment of NZDF air and naval assets to the South China Sea September – October 2021"*
5. 29/11/2021 *"Aide Memoire: Options for an NZDF deployment as part of New Zealand's assistance to the Solomon Islands"*
6. 29/11/2021 *"Network Enabled Army, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Project Implementation Business Case and Updated ISREW Projects Timeline"*
7. 01/12/2021 *"New Zealand Defence Force Deployment to Solomon Islands"*
8. 03/12/2021 *"Deployment of a New Zealand Defence Force Offshore Patrol Vessel to Solomon Island"*
9. 15/12/2021 *"Security Cooperation in the Pacific"*
10. 20/01/2022 *"Update on NZDF initial response to Tonga volcano eruption and tsunami"*
11. 27/01/2022 *"Defence Policy Review – Terms of Reference"*

On 21 March, I addressed items 5,6,7,8 and 11, and informed you of the decision to extend by 35 working days the time for responding regarding the remaining items, in order to allow for the necessary consultation to take place.

The following documents are now enclosed. Certain information is withheld, as indicated in the document, in accordance with the following grounds of the Act:

- section 6(a), as the release of this material would likely prejudice the security and defence of New Zealand, or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand

- section 6(b)(i), as the release of this information would likely prejudice the entrusting of information to the government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by another government
- The name and contact details of point of contacts are withheld, respectively, in accordance with section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to enable the continued effective conduct of their duties through the free and frank expression of opinion, and section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect privacy.

Where information has been withheld under section 9(2), it is not considered that the public interest in this information outweighs the need to protect it.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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Enclosures:

- Item 1: Ministerial Submission: *Update on the Planned Deployment of NZDF Air and Naval Assets to the South East Asia Region from September to November 2021*
- Item 2: Aide Memoire: *Deployment of NZDF Air and Naval Assets to the South China Sea. September – November 2021*
- Item 3: Aide Memoire: *Deployment of NZDF Air and Naval Assets to the South China Sea. September – October 2021*
- Item 4: Dot-Point Brief for Minister of Defence: *Update: Deployment of New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Air and Naval Assets to the South China Sea, September–October 2021*
- Item 9: Ministerial Briefing: *Security cooperation in the Pacific: Aotearoa New Zealand's response to increasing strategic competition*
- Item 10: Ministerial Submission: *Note to Mnister: Update on NZDF Initial Response to Tonga Volcanic Eruption and Tsunami*