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Dear M. Fitzgibbon

I refer to your request of 19 April 2022, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), regarding the vaccination status of New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel and employees, as follows:

I would like a summary of the current COVID-19 vaccination status of the NZDF, both Civilian employees, service members (Regular Force), and combined totals for both.

Please also provide each of the below as both a the actual number of people and as a percentage figure (%); (Please provide the information displayed in tables, as a PDF file).

Please supply the actual number of:

Total number of Civilian Employees of the NZDF.

Civilian employees - Non-vaccinated.

Civilian employees - Partially vaccinated, one shot.

Civilian employees - Vaccinated, received two shots (Pfizer vaccine).

Civilian employees - Boosted (3rd shot).

Total number of NZDF Service Members (Regular Force).

Service Members - Non-vaccinated.

Service Members - Partially vaccinated, one shot.

Service Members - Vaccinated, received two shots (Pfizer vaccine).

Service Members - Boosted (received 3rd shot).

Service Members - Boosted (received 4th shot if any).

Thirdly, please also provide above service members vaccination numbers broken down by service; Army Navy Airforce.

The NZDF does not hold all of the information requested and therefore cannot provide the information in the format requested. For instance, the NZDF does not hold the relevant health information for civilian staff. This part of your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA.

Information on the total number of civilian staff and Regular Force personnel is publicly available in the NZDF Annual Report,¹ and in reporting provided to the Foreign Affairs

¹ www.nzdf.mil.nz

Defence and Trade Select Committee.² This part of your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(d) of the OIA.

The NZDF holds the following information regarding the vaccination status of Regular Force personnel:

Vaccination Status

Green: have met the baseline requirement of a completed primary course (2 doses) and booster.

Amber: have completed a primary course, still due for a booster but not yet overdue (noting that the due date is 6 months from the end of the primary course, or 90 days after documented COVID-19 infection).

Red: either have not completed a primary course, or overdue for booster after primary course.

Royal New Zealand Navy

Green – 1,920

Amber – 133

Red – 245

New Zealand Army

Green – 4,113

Amber – 185

Red – 320

Royal New Zealand Air Force

Green – 2,314

Amber – 60

Red – 113

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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Air Commodore

Chief of Staff HQNZDF

² <https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/scl/foreign-affairs-defence-and-trade/tab/report>