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Tēnā koe Harold

Thank you for your email of 24 May 2022, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), 15 reports that had been provided to me.

On 2 June 2022 I notified you that your request for item 8 – 01/04/2022 “DPMC - Aide Memoire: Russia-Ukraine - a long term problem for the international community” – was transferred to Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet pursuant to section 14 of the Act.

The following six documents are being prepared for public release and will shortly be available on the Ministry of Defence’s website at <https://defence.govt.nz/publications>. As a result, this part of your request is declined under section 18(d) of the Act:

- 1) 08/03/2022 “Aotearoa New Zealand’s provision of support to Ukraine’s self-defence”
- 2) 18/03/2022 “New Zealand Military Options to Support the Self-Defence of Ukraine”
- 3) 20/03/2022 “Possible Materiel Support for Assistance to Ukraine”
- 6) 27/03/2022 “NZDF options to support Ukraine’s self defence – Cabinet Paper”
- 7) 29/03/2022 “NZDF Intelligence Support to European Partners”
- 11) 05/04/2022 “Additional Assistance to Ukraine: Options”

The following documents are enclosed:

- 4) 25/03/2022 “Briefing for call with Ukraine Minister of Defence”
- 10) 02/04/2022 “Multi-Category Appropriation Change – Ukraine”
- 12) 12/04/2022 “Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine: Implications for NZ’s Strategic Defence Policy Settings”
- 13) 20/04/2022 “Correspondence – private query about deployment of engineering personnel to Ukraine”
- 14) 20/04/2022 “Correspondence – private individual offer of support for deployment to support Ukraine”
- 15) 28/04/2022 “Dot Point Brief - Update on NZDF Support to Ukraine (Op Tieke)”

It has been necessary to withhold certain information from these documents. These withholdings are indicated in the document, and are pursuant to 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
- 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
- the name and contact details of point of contacts are withheld, respectively, in accordance with section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act as described above, and section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect privacy.

You also requested the following two documents:

- 5) 26/03/2022 *"Options to support Ukraine's self defence – Cabinet Paper"*
- 9) 01/04/2022 *"NZDF Support options for Ukraine's self-defence: Updated options"*

The matters in these documents are addressed in the Ukraine material that will be released on the Ministry's website. These particular documents were draft and therefore are withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) and section 6(a) of the Act. 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 the Ombudsman investigate and review this response.

Nāku noa, nā



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