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Tēnā koe Harold

Thank you for your email of 19 July 2022 in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), a number of reports that I have received. On 10 August, I addressed six documents and informed you of the decision to extend the time for responding with the remaining items by 25 working days, to allow for necessary consultations with other agencies to take place.

This response addresses the remaining parts of your request. The following requested documents are enclosed:

- *19/04/2022 New Zealand Defence Force Support to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade: Papua New Guinea Election Support*
- *27/05/2022 Shangri La Background Briefing Pack*
- *01/06/2022 Briefing for Call with UK Minister of Armed Forces James Heapey*
- *29/06/2022 Capability Update Brief*

The following brief is covered by your request for "copies of all Dot Point Briefs received by the minister on the topic of NZDF support for Ukraine (Op Tīeke), dated since the beginning of May 2022": *Dot Point Brief for CDF – NZDF Support to the UK's Op Interflex: Training Ukrainian Army Recruits*. This includes the following minute, which was attached: *Op Tīeke – 'Training at Scale' – Support to UK OP INTERFLEX Training of Ukrainian Armed Forces Army Personnel – Revised Operational Advice*.

Certain information is withheld, as indicated in the documents, 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
- section 6(b)(ii), 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 an international organisation

- section 9(2)(b)(ii), as the release of this information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to enable the continued effective conduct of their duties through the free and frank expression of opinion
- section 9(2)(j) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department to undertake negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage
- section 9(2)(a), to protect the contact details of staff.

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:

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- 27/05/2022 *Shangri La Background Briefing Pack*
- 01/06/2022 *Briefing for Call with UK Minister of Armed Forces James Heapey*
- 29/06/2022 *Capability Update Brief*
- 07/07/2022 *Dot Point Brief for CDF – NZDF Support to the UK's OP INTERFLEX: Training Ukrainian Army Recruits. This brief also attached the enclosed HQJFNZ minute 157/2022, Op Tieke – 'Training at Scale' – Support to UK OP INTERFLEX Training of Ukrainian Armed Forces Army Personnel – Revised Operational Advice*