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Dear Valerie,

RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 16 October 2022 in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1. What opportunities there are for public participation in the Defence Policy Review*
- 2. What other stakeholder groups have been consulted about the Defence Policy Review*

On 7 July 2022, Cabinet approved the Terms of Reference for the Defence Policy Review that will enable delivery of a long term strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand's defence.

The Terms of Reference is available on the Ministry's website at:

Defence.govt.nz/assets/publication/file/Defence-Policy-Review-Terms-of-Reference.pdf

At this stage, the public consultation and engagement process is yet to be finalised. Further information will be made available on the Ministry's website in due course.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Swain'.

Michael Swain
Deputy Secretary Policy and Planning