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Dear Scott

RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 7 November in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), a copy of the Afghanistan Review listed in the 2022/23 Estimates for Vote Defence.

This work is currently ongoing and, as such, is withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(b)(i), as the release of this information would be likely to 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 be likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by international organisations
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions

It is not considered that the public interest in this information outweighs the need to protect it at this time.

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, Defence Policy and Planning