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Dear John Luke

I refer to your email of 6 February 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), an update to your previous request from 2019 to now. Your previous request, OIA-2019-3583, was as follows:

I request a breakdown of NZDF Reserve Force numbers (to include the Royal New Zealand Navy Volunteer Reserve, the Territorial Air Force and the Territorial Force of the New Zealand Army) for each of the years 2015 to 2019 showing the numbers allocated respectively to High Readiness Reserve (or equivalent), Active Reserve and Standby Reserve

The table below provides a total headcount of New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Reserve Forces personnel, as at 31 December each year from 2019 to 2022¹. It is broken down by Service and Reserve Status. Ready Reserve are personnel who attend training on a regular basis; Standby Reserve are personnel who do not attend training regularly but may be called on occasionally for their specialist skills; Other includes a small number of personnel under university training schemes and General Service Hands.

Table 1 - NZDF Reserve Force personnel by Service and Reserve Status

	31-Dec-2019	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2022
RNZN	534	524	540	653
Ready Reserve	94	96	97	102
Standby Reserve	435	424	441	550
Other	5	4	2	1
NZ ARMY	1851	1855	2059	2169
Ready Reserve	1167	1127	1423	1547
Standby Reserve	684	728	636	622
RNZAF	311	318	353	403
Ready Reserve	187	179	163	156
Standby Reserve	121	135	186	244
Other	3	4	4	3
Grand Total	2696	2697	2952	3225

¹ Note: This does not include those personnel who have left the NZDF but who would still have a service liability in time of emergency.

More information can be found in NZDF Annual Reports which are publically available on our website.²

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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² <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/search/SearchForm?Search=Annual+Report>