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Dear Julia Cropp

I refer to your email of 8 February 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

- 1. From 1 Jan 2018 to 1 Jan 2023, who were and are the SDCs? What are their contact details?*
- 2. Who was the person, official or appointment in their Faith Body that the SDCs reported to and what are their contact details?*
- 3. Ref: (sections 22-24) I would like to know the pattern and scope of SDC reporting to their Faith Bodies.*
- 4. I would like a copy of the SDCs reporting to their Faith Body over the period of 1 Jan 2018 to 1 Jan 2023.*

The following table provides a list of Senior Representative Chaplains (SRC) from 2018 to 2023. Their contact details are withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect privacy.

Denominations	Dates	SRC
Anglican	01.01.18 – 01.01.23	The Rt. Rev. Te Kitohi Pikaahu
Baptist	01.01.18 – 01.01.23	Rev. Paul Askin
Methodist	01-01-18 – mid 2019	Rev. Trevor Hoggard
Pentecostal	01.01.18 – 01.01.23	Pastor Ralph Sutherland
Presbyterian	01.01.18 – 10.12.20 10.12.20 – 01.01.23	Rev. Don Hall Rev. Colin Gordon
Roman Catholic	01.01.18 – 01.01.23	Rev. Julian Wagg
Salvation Army	01.01.18 – 15.10.20 15.10.19 – 01.01.23	Maj. Ivan Bezzant Maj. Glenton Waugh

Each Faith Body has their own unique structure and ecclesiology resulting in different SRC appointment processes. These processes are established independently with final nominations coming to the Principal Defence Chaplain for consideration.

Reporting requirements for SRC's back to their own Faith Bodies are subject to the expectations and requirements of that particular body. It is the responsibility of each SRC to report back to their Faith Body any matters that they consider to be of importance or any information that their appointing body seeks with respect to NZDF Chaplaincy.

It is the expectation of NZDF Chaplaincy that any matters or concerns regarding a Chaplain's practice or fitness to practice be channelled through the SRC for communication to either the relevant Faith Body point of contact or to the Principal Defence Chaplain.

With respect to your request for SDC reporting to Faith Bodies from 2018 to 2023, any reporting was a matter between the SDC and their respective Faith Body. It would require a substantial research and collation effort to gather this information and therefore this part of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA.

In 2022, the Chaplains' Defence Advisory Council (ChDAC) began a practice of providing a broad report to the Faith Bodies. This report appraises them of the general work of Chaplaincy throughout the year and highlights specific challenges, direction, or needs. A copy of the 2022 ChDAC Annual Report to Faith Bodies and the relevant covering letter is provided at Enclosure 1. As previously explained, contact details are withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.

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.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

1. 2022 ChDAC Annual Report