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James

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Dear James

## TRANSFER OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 9 May 2023, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*On the 8th of May 2023, at the PM's press conference, Defence Minister Little said a number of resignations in the defence force were withdrawn directly as a result of sign on bonuses etc, being paid out previously.*

*Under the OIA, please provide the exact number of resignations that were withdrawn as a direct result of these payments.*

The Ministry of Defence is a civilian agency that is responsible for the development of defence policy, international defence engagements, and the delivery of major capability projects. The Ministry is a separate agency to the New Zealand Defence Force.

The information you have requested relates to the work of the Defence Force. Accordingly, I am transferring your request to that agency pursuant to section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adrian MacGregor'.

Adrian MacGregor  
**Managing Principal, Ministerial and Executive Services**

cc: NZDF Ministerial Services