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Dear James

I refer to your email of 9 May 2023 to the Ministry of Defence, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

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2023, at the PM's press conference, Defence Minister Little said a number of resignations in the defence force were withdrawn directly as a result of sign on bonuses etc, being paid out previously.

Under the OIA, please provide the exact number of resignations that were withdrawn as a direct result of these payments.

Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) on 15 May 2023.

On 17 March 2023, the NZDF introduced wide-ranging retention initiatives for staff and personnel. From that date to 15 May 2023, 45 release requests were withdrawn.

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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