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Jorja

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Dear Jorja

## **EXTENSION OF YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 24 January 2024 in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*Copies of all advice (reports, briefings, aides-memoires, memos, information updates) that have been provided to the Minister since 1 November 2023 in relation to the decision to deploy NZDF personnel in the Red Sea.*

The documents in scope contain a substantial amount of information which will need to be reviewed and consulted with other government agencies. Therefore, I am extending your request by 24 working days to 26 March, in accordance with section 15A(1) of the Act. I will endeavour to respond to you sooner if possible.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Schmidt'.

Richard Schmidt  
Deputy Secretary, Policy and Planning