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Dear Helen Gibbs

I refer to your email of 15 May 2024 to the Ministry of Defence requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information on the budget per person for meals provided on base for military personnel. Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) on 16 May 2024 for response, in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the OIA.

The following table provides the budget per person for meals provided at messes in NZDF Camps and Bases excluding Goods and Services Tax. Groups 1, 2 and 3 are nutritional ranges. Groups 2 and 3 have higher calorie contents and serving sizes are bigger as a result of the high intensity physical activities undertaken by recruits and other personnel and the corresponding need for a higher calorie intake.

Meal type	FY 2023/24			FY 2024/25		
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Breakfast	\$4.16	\$4.19	\$4.80	\$4.25	\$4.27	\$4.90
Lunch	\$7.56	\$7.60	\$8.72	\$7.72	\$7.76	\$8.91
Dinner	\$7.18	\$7.22	\$8.29	\$7.34	\$7.38	\$8.46

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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