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Dear Jommy Tee

I refer to your email of 9 October 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

All correspondence (including emails) between Mr Chris Hartley (and/or the King's Cup Organising Committee) and the New Zealand Defence Force (and/or its officials/officers) associated with the 2019 King's Cup event - held at Henley Royal Regatta.

This request covers the period 2018 to 2024 (inclusive).

In the email to you of 22 October 2024, the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) asked for a refinement of your request as more than 800 results were initially identified. You therefore refined your request to the following:

All correspondence (including emails between Mr Chris Hartley and the New Zealand Defence Force associated with the 2019 King's Cup event - held at Henley Royal Regatta. The request covers the period 30 June 2018 to 30 June 2019.

On 26 October 2024 you provided an additional refinement:

All correspondence (including emails between Mr Chris Hartley and the New Zealand Defence Force associated with the 2019 King's Cup event - held at Henley Royal Regatta. The request covers the period 30 September 2018 to 30 June 2019.

Unfortunately your refined requests did not substantively reduce the number of results that would avoid declining your request. After initial search results are produced from the NZDF email archive, a subsequent manual search is required to remove duplicates and false positives. For this reason, your request is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA. A reasonable extension of the timeframe to incorporate the manual search was also considered, but given the several hundred results such an approach would not remove the reason to decline your request.

It is possible that providing a particular key word that incorporates a specific matter you have an interest in would produce a different result. If you were to make such a request it will be considered accordingly.

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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