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Jommy Tee

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Dear Jommy

RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2024, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

All correspondence (including emails) between Mr Chris Hartley (and/or the King's Cup Organising Committee) and the Ministry (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).

The Ministry of Defence (the Ministry) and the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) operate as separate entities. As the lead civilian agency on defence matters, the Ministry is responsible for the development of defence policy, international defence engagements, and the delivery of major defence equipment.

As a result, the Ministry has not identified any information within scope of your request. Pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act, your request is declined as the information you have requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

I understand you have made this same request to the NZDF, who is the agency best placed to respond to your request.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mel Childs', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mel Childs

Deputy Secretary, Governance, People and Executive Services