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Dear Mohammed Khan

I refer to your email of 5 December 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

*Yesterday it was reported that the NZDF would be 'stopping' and 'scaling down' various missions- including some genuinely relevant to the national security of the New Zealand people- because of Judith Collins's budget cuts. My question is as follows:*

*1) Will those missions being 'stopped' or 'scaled down' include the NZDF commitment to 'Operation Prosperity Guardian'...*

Your request made particular note of the New Zealand Defence Force contribution to the United States-led coalition to uphold maritime security in the Red Sea. The Ministers of Defence and Foreign Affairs announced on 12 July 2024 that that deployment was extended to 31 January 2025<sup>1</sup>.

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](http://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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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/nzdf's-red-sea-deployment-extended>