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Tyler

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Dear Tyler

RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 15 January 2025, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Is it possible to provide the following on Public Act 2004 No. 59, the Visiting Forces Act 2004?

I am looking for:

- A copy of the Act as passed with signature of the Royal Assent.*
- Documents submitted to the Governor-General for royal assent to the Act (including the certificate from the House of Representatives, and the certificate signed by the Attorney-General recommending assent, if any).*

The information you have requested is not held by the Ministry of Defence or by the New Zealand Defence Force. Once an Act has received the Royal Assent, the original version is held by the Office of the Clerk's at Parliament before being transferred to Archives New Zealand. You can contact Archives New Zealand to seek access to the document through their Contact Us page on their website:

<https://archives.govt.nz/about-us/contact-us>.

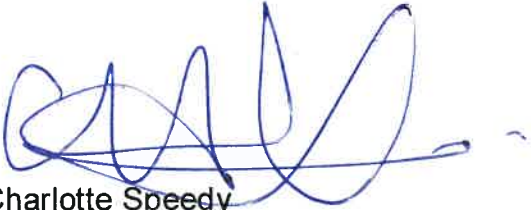
The hardcopy of the Visiting Forces Act 2004 reflects the version available from the New Zealand Legislation website here:

<https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2004/0059/latest/DLM302480.html>.

More details about what Parliament considered before enacting the legislation are available in the Hansard Reports of the first and second readings of the Bill, which can be found on the Parliament website: <https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/hansard-debates/rhr/>.

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 'Charlotte Speedy', with a stylized, cursive script.

Charlotte Speedy
Director Ministerial and Executive Services