

Level 4 Freyberg House,
2-12 Aitken Street
Wellington, New Zealand

P +64 (0)4 496 0999
F +64 (0)4 496 0859

PO Box 12703,
Molesworth Street
Wellington 6144, New Zealand

E info@defence.govt.nz
www.defence.govt.nz



New Zealand
**MINISTRY
OF DEFENCE**
Manatū Kaupapa Waonga

16 May 2016

OC003-2016-4018

Valerie Morse
fyi-request-3214-a9ef0e9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Morse

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In February 2016, you requested an update on the release of the Defence White Paper public submissions, and I advised that these were expected to be released alongside the Defence White Paper in late March 2016. I understand that you have raised further concerns to the Ombudsman that these documents have not yet been made available.

It is still our intention to publicly release the Defence White Paper public submissions, together with a summary of submissions report, alongside the Defence White Paper 2016. The Defence White Paper is expected to be finalised and published, along with the public submissions, in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. Quilter'.

Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence

cc: Michelle Taylor, Senior Investigator
Office of the Ombudsman