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Dear Mr Ewing-Jarvie

## YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 12 July 2018, transferred to me from The Treasury on Wednesday 25 July, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"...a summary of the payment schedule for the recently announced purchase of four Boeing P-8A Poseidon aircraft and ancillary equipment for the New Zealand Defence Force. In the Minister of Defence media release of 9 July 2018, it states "The capital cost will be spread over a number of financial years out to 2025/26." I am aware that the actual dollar values are commercially sensitive and that is not what I am asking for. I am asking for payment milestones in percentage terms. For example, if the total cost of aircraft and ancillaries is \$X, I wish to know what percentage of X is to be paid on what date between now and 2026."*

Due to commercial sensitivities, we will not be releasing information related to the individual costs or payment milestones of the P-8A aircraft due to the need to protect this information under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. The Ministry of Defence will be releasing the cabinet paper and associated cabinet minutes related to this decision in the forthcoming weeks.

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 be 'H. Quilter'.

Helene Quilter  
**Secretary of Defence**