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Peter King

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Dear Mr King

Thank you for your email of 11 October 2018 in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"...all briefing documents, meeting notes, papers and emails your office has made, sent, or received from NZDF, Defence Ministry or the US Embassy pertaining to the NZ Government's purchase of Boeing P8 Poseidon aircraft...all cabinet papers relating to the purchase of these aircraft."

Following the Government's decision to purchase four P-8A Poseidon aircraft in July this year, the Ministry of Defence published on its website the Cabinet paper and Cabinet minute relevant to the decision: www.defence.govt.nz/publications/. The Cabinet paper is the basis on which Ministers took the decision to purchase the aircraft. Details concerning the cost of the aircraft and information provided by other countries are protected under sections 9(2)(i) and 6(a) of the Act.

The scope of the rest of your request covers a significant number of documents. As a result, I am declining your request under section 18(f) of the Act due to the substantial collation that would be required. You may wish to refine your request so that it is more specific.

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

Yours sincerely

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Ben McLachlan
Senior Ministerial Advisor