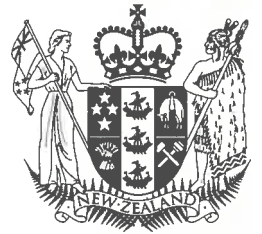


Hon Ron Mark

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Simon Ewing-Jarvie

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Dear Mr Ewing-Jarvie

I refer to your request of 1 September 2018, to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, for an *unredacted copy of CAB-18-MIN-0158.08 2018 Budget Package: Vote Defence Force*. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The requested document can be found online, on the Treasury website.¹ The redactions remain valid.

In accordance with section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to complain to an Ombudsman about my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ben McLachlan'.

Ben McLachlan
Senior Ministerial Advisor

¹ treasury.govt.nz/publications/information-release/key-documents-budget-2018-information-release