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Dear Mr Ewing-Jarvie

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) of 16 September 2018, to the Ministry of Defence, for “...a summary of the type, nature and quantity of all military and related service platforms, equipment and items currently held in war reserve or similar status. I also request any documents relating to New Zealand's war reserve between 1 October 2008 and the date of your reply to this request.”

Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) for response.

The current NZDF Contingency Reserve Stocks include ammunition, spare parts, and general support items such as blankets used in humanitarian aid activities, pre-packaged foods, fuels, oils and lubricants, and on occasion pharmaceutical supplies (for example, flu pandemic stocks). Reviews of the NZDF Contingency Reserve stockholding requirements are periodically undertaken, and one is currently underway.

Due to the nature of the contingencies planned for, the specific types and amounts of matériel held in reserve is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA, as the release of this information would likely impact the effectiveness of the NZDF's ability to respond.

With respect to your request for documentation, organisational restructures since 2008 make the research and collation of information within the broad scope of your request a substantial undertaking. If you were to refine this part of your request, it will be reconsidered; but as it currently stands it is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely



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