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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 21 September 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information about the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF):

- A list of any equipment procured for military use which is held in reserve for a potential military or civil mobilization, broken down by the number of items, model and make numbers, and when they were procured
- Any information pertaining to the fate of the Steyr rifles including sale, disposal or retention [Specifically: reviews, contracts or custody receipts, and substantial communications (such as memos or orders, but excluding routine or administrative correspondence)]
- Any policy, directive or plan that specifically pertains to or orders the creation or maintenance of a strategic arms reserve

The NZDF does not have a strategic arms reserve for potential civilian or military mobilisation. Your request for a list and any policy, directive, or plan regarding a strategic arms reserve is declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA. Information on the equipment used by the NZDF is publicly available on the NZDF website<sup>1</sup>.

A decision regarding the future of the Steyr rifles is yet to be made. The NZDF support to the all-of-government response to COVID-19 superseded work in this area. As a result, this part of your request is also declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdf/our-equipment/>