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Dear

I refer to your email of 8 October 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), 'How much is it costing the New Zealand tax payer to fund the IDRC'.

While the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has committed \$415,000 to the International Defence Rugby Competition, costs have been limited where possible through the use of existing NZDF facilities and services. Expenditure as at mid-October 2022 was \$58,000 and final invoicing is yet to be completed.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> 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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