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Dear [REDACTED]

Further to the response to you of 4 November 2022, the following part of your request has now been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). I apologise for the delay in providing this to you.

*- Any and all updates, reports, and briefings regarding NZDF personnel deployed to the United Nations Command in South Korea.*

*Specifically:*

*Number of meetings with North Korea military or Government officials.*

*Any and all transcripts, recordings or briefings of these meetings.*

*Dated between January 1, 2020 and today's date [17 Oct 2022].*

New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel deployed to United Nations Command in the Republic of Korea are performing United Nations duties. As a result, information regarding those duties is United Nations information and is not information held by the NZDF for the purposes of the OIA.

With respect to information regarding the deployment of NZDF personnel to United Nations Command in the Republic of Korea, Cabinet material is publicly available on the Ministry of Defence website<sup>1</sup>. Updates on the deployment (e.g. number of personnel and where) are regularly provided in Defence Weekly Reports to the Minister of Defence; however, a substantial collation effort would be required to pull the relevant information from almost three years of such reports as per the scope of your request. If you are seeking specific information about the decision to deploy NZDF personnel to United Nations Command in the Republic of Korea, such a request will be considered accordingly.

You retain 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.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.defence.govt.nz/publications/publication/united-nations-command-deployment-additional-three-personnel>

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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