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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request of 18 October 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *Does the NZ Army have the capability to deploy a light infantry battalion overseas at short notice?*

Information regarding specific NZDF capability is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA. However, a briefing to the Minister of Defence concerning the readiness and capability of the New Zealand Defence Force is available on the NZDF website¹ by entering OIA-2022-4503 as a search term.

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 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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