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Dear

I refer to your email of 8 February 2023 asking the following questions:

Has NZ ever provided weapons to Indonesia in the past 60 yrs? Has NZ been part of any Indonesian military or police training in the past 60 yrs?

Your questions have been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) and to the extent that they relate to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). A substantial research and collation effort would be required to generate information on NZDF exports for the past 60 years; therefore this part of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA.

The NZDF holds readily retrievable information dating back to 2008 and can confirm that no weapons have been exported or provided by the NZDF to Indonesia from 2008 to the present.

With respect to the NZDF being part of any Indonesian military or police training, the NZDF has participated in multilateral training exercises where elements of the Indonesian military have been present.

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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