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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 5 May 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA),

How many servicemen in the Naval Reserves are not currently fully fit (medically) for service on foreign going ships.

I apologise for the delay in providing a response to your request. Naval Reserve personnel are maintained at a basic medical grading which makes them fit for service ashore or within New Zealand coastal waters only. Naval Reserves who make themselves available for specific service aboard foreign going ships are then required to meet a higher medical grading. There is no maintained register of Naval Reserve personnel who have not met this higher medical grade as they are only medically examined as needed. Following a review of information dating back to February 2020, of those Naval Reserves who have sought a sea posting, none have failed to achieve the higher medical grade required.

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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