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Dear 

I refer to your email of 16 May 2023 to the Office of the Prime Minister, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information about Depleted Uranium weaponry. The following parts of your request were transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force in accordance with the OIA:

- 10. Has the NZ Government ever used depleted uranium munitions?*
- 11. Does the NZ Government currently stock any depleted uranium weapons?*

The New Zealand Defence Force does not hold stocks of depleted uranium munitions, and has never used depleted uranium munitions.

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](http://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

**AJ WOODS**

Air Commodore

Chief of Staff HQNZDF