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Dear █

I refer to your email of 3 November 2023 regarding New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) compliance with the Healthy Homes standards, in accordance with the Residential Tenancies Act 1986. Your request for the following has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*I understand that NZDF has taken the public position that it is exempt from complying until 1 July 2024. I am unable to find any reference to that in the Act or any of the Regulations under the Act.*

*Can you please provide me with the source for NZDF's exemption?*

The NZDF is not exempt from compliance with the Healthy Homes standards. NZDF houses designated as rental homes for NZDF personnel and their families were all upgraded by 1 July 2023, where required, to meet the Healthy Homes standards.

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.

Yours sincerely

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