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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 13 January 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information about the vetting process for adult volunteers in the New Zealand Cadet Forces (NZCF).

Are adult volunteers also known as supplementary staff granted a defence security clearance or a site clearance, or is a National Security Check done?

Why would volunteers be required to have a security clearance for their involvement in NZCF, is it to enable them to operate on military bases and sites?

The NZCF is a youth training organisation. As such, volunteer supplementary staff for NZCF units must provide security vetting information, which is forwarded to the New Zealand Police for checking. This is required under the Children's Act 2014 to ensure that the individual applying to be a supplementary staff member is a "fit and proper" person to be involved with youth.

The New Zealand Security Intelligence Service is not involved in the vetting process for NZCF supplementary staff.

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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