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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 7 February 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

- 1) *How many contractors hold current DISP accreditation? Please break this figure down by the type of accreditation held (i.e., personnel, facility, information security etc).*
- 2) *In the past two calendar years, have any contractors had their accreditation revoked or investigated?*
- 3) *What contractors have been added to the DISP over the past two calendar years?*

As at the time of your request, Defence Industry Security Programme accreditation was held by 295 companies. All of the accredited companies held Personnel Accreditation, five held Facility Accreditation, and none held Information Security Accreditation. Due to distributed business locations and contracts it is possible for a company to hold more than one accreditation. In the last two calendar years 126 new accreditations were issued to 74 companies. Due to the nature of the work being undertaken by these companies, their names are withheld in accordance with section 6(a) to maintain the security of New Zealand.

No contractors have had their DISP accreditation revoked during that same period. Revocation of a DISP accreditation would be considered an extreme sanction reserved for repeated and serious security breaches, with no evidence that a company was willing or able to modify security behaviours. There were 47 security incidents that required further inquiry or investigation, these were generally resolved by companies modifying their security practices through ongoing briefings, education or training.

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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