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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 18 April 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *I understand the NZDF collects rent from service personnel who live in barracks and Defence housing: what is done with this money?*

The rent the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) collects from service personnel who live in barracks and Defence housing is used to offset maintenance costs across NZDF property.

2. *Is barrack accommodation legally subject to Healthy Homes standards? If not, why not, and what exemption has Defence been provided to exempt them from what would otherwise have been required of them?*

NZDF barrack accommodation is not legally subject to the Healthy Homes standards as laid out in section 5(1)(f) of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 which states "This Act shall not apply in the following cases: ...where the premises constitute any barracks conducted by the Armed Forces for the accommodation of persons subject to the Armed Forces Discipline Act 1971". This is because the NZDF does not enter into a tenancy agreement for the provision of barrack rooms. All of the barrack buildings are still subject to the Building Code and all other relevant legislation for Health and Safety.

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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