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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 9 October 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I would like to know how many more medals remain to be distributed before medals under the CRIII cypher will be distributed. Have CRIII medals been designed and if so when will they start to be made?

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) holds approximately 25 full-size New Zealand Efficiency Decorations with Queen Elizabeth II's cypher. The process to produce samples of the New Zealand Efficiency Decoration with the royal cypher for King Charles III is currently under action. No decisions have been made about when medal stock with the new cypher will be purchased.

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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