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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 29 November 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *Request a copy of all advice to minister regarding the \$360M of operating savings required in FY25/26.*
  - 1A. *What is the driver(s) of these operating cost overruns?*
  - 1B. *How much of these overruns are attributed to the P8 operating costs or the Manawanui recovery & replacement.*
2. *When was this information passed to the minister of Defence?*
3. *Aside from the \$50M to be found from personnel savings, from where else will the remaining \$310M be found?*
  - 3A. *Other than taking \$50M from personnel savings, what other options were considered?*
  - 3B. *Request copies of the briefing pack & decision papers that were presented to EXCO & CDF for the specific board at which this decision was made.*
4. *Are any capabilities being reviewed for divestment. If so, which ones?*
5. *What provision has been made for pay increases for uniformed staff in FY25/26?*

The requested information concerns preparations for Budget 2025 that remain ongoing and information continues to be provided to the Minister of Defence. It is therefore withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA. In the weeks following Budget day, advice underpinning decisions is made public.

As you may be aware, work is underway on options for a new Defence Capability Plan. Information concerning any capabilities is therefore also withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.

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Yours sincerely

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