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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 13 March 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *The total number of serving NZDF personnel with the rank of Lt Colonel or equivalent and above, listed by rank and service.*

The numbers of NZDF personnel with the ranks of Lieutenant Colonel and higher are in the below tables. Table 1 contains information about officers in the Regular Force, Table 2 contains information about officers in the Reserves.

Table 1.

| Rank | Navy | Army | Air Force |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Lieutenant Colonel (E) | 104 | 121 | 77 |
| Colonel (E) | 21 | 36 | 21 |
| Brigadier (E) | 8 | 11 | 4 |
| Major General (E) | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Lieutenant General (E) | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Table 2.

| Rank | Navy | Army | Air Force |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Lieutenant Colonel (E) | 52 | 64 | 27 |
| Colonel (E) | 9 | 23 | 6 |
| Brigadier (E) | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| Major General (E) | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Lieutenant General (E) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Yours sincerely

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