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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 18 April 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information about the recent New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) participation in the international operation to protect Red Sea shipping.

The New Zealand Government mandate to participate in the international operation ended on 31 January 2025. As previously advised, detailed operational information is provided to New Zealand on a basis of confidence by our international partners. It also reveals NZDF operational methodology and capability. For these reasons information is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) as making it public would be likely to prejudice the international relations of the Government of New Zealand, and the security and defence of New Zealand.

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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