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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 16 April 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

When does the Courts Martial for the officers responsible for the sinking of the Manawanui begin?

Are they being Court Martialed together or separately?

How long are the Court Martials expected to run?

Are any other other higher ranks facing any disciplinary process?

What are their names and ranks?

Have they been stood down?

Are they on full pay?

No decisions on disciplinary proceedings relating to the loss of HMNZS Manawanui have yet been made. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA.

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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