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Dear Jason Rowe

I refer to your email of 4 May 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following:

- *I would like to know how much the Royal New Zealand Navy has spent on the development of the Homeport App? I would also like to know how much is set aside for future upgrades or features?*
- *Furthermore, I would like to know how many people are working on maintaining and administering the app?*

The Royal New Zealand Navy launched the HomePort application in April 2021. The total spend to date is \$446,112. This includes initial design and development costs, ongoing software development, application maintenance, hosting and support.

For the current financial year, projected spending is \$78,443. The proposed budget for FY 2025/26 is \$78,000.

Four New Zealand Defence Force personnel spend approximately 13 hours per week between them to run, develop and manage HomePort. This work is on top of their other duties.

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.

Yours sincerely

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