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Dear Francisco Hernandez

I refer to your email of 21 May 2025, to the Ministry of Defence, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- (i) *All submissions sent by your department to the Ministry for Regulation, regarding the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill.*
- (ii) *All other advice produced by your department regarding the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill, including briefings, aide memoires, letters, emails, social media messages, texts and any other document.*

Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with the OIA.

The NZDF has not sent any submissions to the Ministry for Regulation concerning the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill. This part of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA.

Defence Legal Services has prepared advice concerning the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill. This advice is withheld in full in accordance with section 9(2)(h) of the OIA to protect legal professional privilege. The public interest in release of this information does not outweigh the reason to withhold it in this instance.

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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