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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 19 June 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

Does NZDF pay ACC levies for all Military and non Military people in its employ

- 1. When they are in New Zealand ?*
- 2. Deployed overseas on Operational Service*
- 3. Serving overseas on secondment or other duties*

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) pays ACC levies for all military personnel and civilian staff in accordance with ACC legislation. The NZDF is a member of the ACC's Accredited Employer Programme. ACC Levies are paid regardless of the location where military personnel or civilian staff are undertaking their duties.

I note you also submitted a series of other requests/questions in eleven separate emails concerning the 2021 Report: Reassessment of the Recommendations of The Medallic Recognition Joint Working Group on New Zealand Military Service in South East Asia 1955 to 1989. I understand my predecessor has addressed these matters in the past, and the responses to your repeated requests have also been investigated by the Office of the Ombudsman. That Office upheld the decisions on your requests, and pointed out that the NZDF is not obligated under the OIA to generate opinions in response to questions.

The 2021 report provides the answers to all of your questions, except for the following: your question concerning an implied bias, this remains unanswered as it is seeking the generation of an opinion; the explanation for 31 January 1974, this was explained in the response to you of 9 June 2022; with respect to the 633 files that were destroyed, the NZDF does not hold a list of all of these. As you point out, duplicates of many of these existed elsewhere. All source material and its location is listed in the bibliography of the report.

The OIA makes provision to refuse requests that are frivolous or vexatious. The Office of the Ombudsman states that "*section 18(h) recognises that there must be an ability to refuse requests that, in all the circumstances of the case, amount to an **abuse of the right** [their emphasis] to access official information.*" Since 2022, you have made five requests for essentially the same information. On three occasions, the NZDF responses have been investigated by the Office of the Ombudsman and where appropriate, additional information has been provided.

I appreciate that you are dissatisfied with the determination of the aforementioned Reassessment; however, repeated requests for information that has already been provided, or that is explained in that same Report, will not change the outcome.

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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