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Dear

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

RNZ has reported on no housing being built at Waiouru.

Defence and the govt have not said why that is other than that talks are going on. They have not said what those talks are. This is at odds with the tender going out a year ago, and the urgency for bettering NZDF personnel welfare this govt and NZDF have stressed before. We seek info about both new and remediation housing project elements

RNZ requests release of information that details

- 1. -where exactly this project is at,
- 2. -what the talks are about,
- 3. -what the status of the contract/s for this are eg have any been postponed or cancelled –
- 4. and what interactions there are in meeting Te Tiriti obligations

Negotiations in relation to this matter remain underway. Accordingly, this information is withheld in full pursuant to section 9(2)(j) of the OIA to enable negotiations to be carried out without prejudice or disadvantage.

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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