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Dear [redacted]

I refer to your email of 8 July 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *the data behind the chart showing Defence Budgets and GDP for years 2015/16 through to 2023/24 on page 105 of the NZDF Annual Report 2024 please.*

The underlying data behind this graph is provided in the table at Enclosure 1. Note, the basis for this calculation will be amended in the 2025 Annual Report in order to align with that most commonly reported internationally. This change will result in the inclusion of the operation baseline from depreciation and capital charge.

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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Enclosure:

1. Defence Budget and GDP Data

Enclosure 1

| NZ Defence Expenditure | FY 2015/16 | FY 2016/17 | FY 2017/18 | FY 2018/19 | FY 2019/20 | FY 2020/21 | FY 2021/22 | FY 2022/23 | FY 2023/24 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NZDF Personnel and Operating | 1,634 | 1,707 | 1,796 | 1,910 | 2,037 | 2,115 | 2,128 | 2,262 | 2,457 |
| NZDF Capital | 439 | 520 | 460 | 764 | 855 | 856 | 1,348 | 1,457 | 1,525 |
| MoD Expenses | 14 | 17 | 21 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 27 | 31 | 29 |
| Total Expenditure (\$M) | 2,087 | 2,244 | 2,278 | 2,697 | 2,916 | 2,997 | 3,503 | 3,750 | 4,011 |
| GDP (\$B) | 258,741 | 275,571 | 295,572 | 310,154 | 317,404 | 343,006 | 364,022 | 395,379 | 412,030 |
| % of GDP | 0.8% | 0.8% | 0.8% | 0.9% | 0.9% | 0.9% | 1.0% | 0.9% | 1.0% |