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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 19 August 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *a list of the names, locations, and dates of all working group and principals meetings attended in-person by New Zealand representatives, inclusive of their job title and rank, held since 1 January 2025 under the following arrangements:*

- *Five Eyes Air Force Interoperability Council,*
- *AUSCANNZUKUS Naval C4 Organisation,*
- *Combined Communications-Electronics Board,*
- *ABCANZ Armies.*

The tables below provide the relevant information. Job titles for individuals in operational and/or sensitive roles are withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA to avoid prejudice to the security and defence of New Zealand. Unless already publicly available, the names of individual working groups are withheld in accordance with section 6(b)(ii) as the New Zealand Defence Force is not authorised to unilaterally release these. Reference to the *AUSCANNZUKUS Naval C4 Organisation* is outdated, and the current reference is provided below.

Air Force Interoperability Council

| Working Group name | Location | Date | Rank |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Air Mobility | Oxford, UK | 6-12 Mar | Squadron Leader |
| Fuels, Lubricants & Gases | Ottawa, Canada | 25-28 Mar | Wing Commander |
| Operational Training Infrastructure | Halifax, Canada | 7-11 Apr | Squadron Leader |
| Combined Joint All Domain Command & Control | Wellington, NZ | 28 Apr – 2 May | Wing Commander |

| Principals' Meeting name | Location | Date | Rank |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--|
| National Directors' Annual Meeting | Edinburgh, UK | 12-16 May | Deputy Chief of Air Force, Air Commodore Daniel Hunt Wing Commander Squadron Leader |

AUSCANNZUKUS Maritime Information Warfare Organisation

| Working Group name | Location | Date | Rank |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--|
| A-Z Working Groups | Canberra, Australia | 17-20 Mar | Lieutenant (2), Lieutenant Commander, Chief Petty Officer, Commander |
| A-Z Executive Steering Committee | Canberra, Australia | 21-28 Mar | Commander |
| A-Z Supervisory Board | Canberra, Australia | 26-28 Mar | Maritime Component Commander, Commodore Shane Arndell Commander |

Combined Communications-Electronics Board

| Meeting | Location | Date | Rank |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Working Group | Canberra, Australia | 17-20 Jan | Civilian staff (2) |
| Working Group | Ottawa, Canada | 10-14 Feb | Lieutenant Colonel Major |
| Working Group | Auckland, NZ | 10-14 Feb | Lieutenant Commander |
| Working Group | Ottawa, Canada | 17-21 Feb | Civilian staff |
| Working Group | Washington D.C., USA | 31 Mar – 3 Apr | Civilian staff |
| Working Group | Hawaii, USA | 15-18 Apr | Civilian staff |
| Working Group | Auckland, NZ | 28 Apr – 2 May | Major |
| Principals Meeting | Auckland, NZ | 5-9 May | Major Colonel |
| Working Group | London, UK | 9-13 Jun | Civilian staff (2) |
| Working Group | Suffolk, USA | 28 Jul – 1 Aug | Civilian staff |

ABCANZ Armies

| Meeting | Location | Date | Rank |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|---|
| Annual Meeting | Wellington | 31 Mar – 11 Apr | Colonel Lieutenant Colonel (4) Major (5), Warrant Officer (2) Sergeant (3), civilian staff (2) |
| Executive Council | Virtual | 14 May | Deputy Chief of Army, Brigadier Hamish Gibbons |

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Yours sincerely

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