



Headquarters  
New Zealand Defence Force  
Defence House  
Private Bag 39997  
Wellington Mail Centre  
Lower Hutt 5045  
New Zealand

OIA-2025-5523

18.  
September 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 7 August 2025 to the Ministry of Defence requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*I am seeking for both FY23/24 and FY24/25 financial years, the breakdown of total spend against consultants. I am seeking the breakdown spend as follow:*

1. *Individual consultant spend (including name of consultants used or total number of consultants used) by unit/organisation within NZDF/MOD i.e. Logistics Command (Maritime), Logistics Command (Air), Logistics Command (Land), Defence Commercial Services, Defence Estate and Infrastructure, Capability Branch, MoD Air Domain, MoD Maritime Domain, MoD Land Domain*
2. *The specific project or programme under the above unit/organisation that was spent against the individual consultant and value.*
  - a. *Include description of work undertaken.*
  - b. *Outputs delivered and value for money achieved to defence.*
  - c. *If the consultant was approached directly by NZDF/MOD staff or through a tendered (closed or open) approach.*

Your request, as it pertains to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), was therefore transferred to the NZDF in accordance with the OIA.

The NZDF provides regular reporting on consultant spend in response to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee Annual Review. This takes considerable time and effort to collate each year; therefore, provision of the information in the way you have requested it will not be provided. This is in accordance with section 16(2)(a) of the OIA.

Consultant spend by the NZDF for FY 2023/24 is declined in accordance with section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is publicly available in response to question 67<sup>1</sup>. The same information for FY 2024/25 will be publicly available around the time of the Select Committee hearing later this year.

---

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/54SCFADT\\_EVI\\_519977fd-65f0-44c0-d631-08dceedef39\\_FADT1019/new-zealand-defence-force-responses-to-written-questions](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/54SCFADT_EVI_519977fd-65f0-44c0-d631-08dceedef39_FADT1019/new-zealand-defence-force-responses-to-written-questions)

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](http://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

**GA Motley**

Brigadier

Chief of Staff HQNZDF