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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 25 September 2025, following the decisions of 1 August 2025 (OIA-2025-5298 and OIA-2025-5377). Under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), you have requested *what avenues it [the New Zealand Defence Force] COULD make the environmental testing and any other reports* available to RNZ.*

As the information you have requested is not information generated by the New Zealand Defence Force that it has the authority to unilaterally make public, consultations with the Government of Samoa took place to seek the required approval. The result of those consultations was communicated to you on 1 August 2025 – namely, the requested information is withheld in full as it has been provided in confidence by the Government of Samoa. The Government of Samoa point of contact was also provided to you.

With respect to your request for information concerning New Zealand government consideration of compensation to the Government of Samoa and the relationship with Samoa, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is the lead agency. I understand you have made a similar request to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, therefore obviating the need for a transfer.

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.

Yours sincerely

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