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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 25 September 2025 to the Ministry of Defence requesting the following:

If possible, I would like some information on New Zealand's involvement in the following operations.

- *Operation Ocean Shield. New Zealand made a contribution to this operation, e.g. in January 2014, which continued for a brief period, perhaps weeks.*
- *Operation Active Endeavour. According to NATO, New Zealand contributed one vessel from sometime in April to sometime in May 2015.*

This request, and your requests for the same information to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, were transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for response.

Information about New Zealand's contribution to the Combined Task Force 150 (NATO's designation Operation Ocean Shield) can be found on the NZDF and Ministry of Defence websites.¹

HMNZS Te Kaha supported NATO's Operation Active Endeavor over a two day period, on 15 and 16 April 2015. The vessel conducted naval training exercises with the Royal Hellenic Navy, whilst enroute to a defence diplomacy port visit in Heraklion, Crete.

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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¹ <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/navy/navy-news/royal-new-zealand-navy-frigate-sails-to-disrupt-terrorist-criminal-activities-in-middle-east/>
<https://defence.govt.nz/publications/extension-requests-for-peace-and-security-leadership-mandates/>