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Dear [redacted]

I refer to your email of 29 September 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *the NZDF gift registry for 2024 and 2025*.

Copies of the requested registers are withheld in full in accordance with the following sections of the OIA: section 6(a); section 9(2)(a); section 9(2)(ba)(i); and, section 9(2)(g)(i). This is because the registers are living documents holding personal information, including personal information of foreign citizens, they contain information provided in confidence in order to maintain an effective record, and contain assessments and opinions to properly inform Defence Force staff and personnel.

In order to meet the public interest, summaries of these registers are regularly provided to the Foreign Affairs, Defence, and Trade Select Committee, and made publicly available on the Select Committee website¹. Once the 2025 register has been audited, the summary will be provided to the Select Committee in time for the 2024/25 Annual Review hearing scheduled for 2 December 2025.

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://www3.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/current?criteria.Keyword=New+Zealand+Defence+Force+&criteria.Author=Foreign+Affairs%2C+Defence+and+Trade+Committee&criteria.-Timeframe=&criteria.DateFrom=2023-10-14&criteria.DateTo=&parliamentStartDate=2023-10-14&parliamentEndDate=&criteria.DocumentStatus=>