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Dear 

I refer to your email of 6 October 2025 seeking, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information after the response to you of the same date:

*Any NZDF policy documents, guidelines, or directives concerning **New Zealanders with combat experience in Ukraine returning to New Zealand and seeking to rejoin**, including naturalised New Zealand citizens or residents who have served in Ukraine.*

*Any assessments or advice relating to security, medical, or reintegration considerations for such individuals **and their suitability to serve in the NZDF***

There are no New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) *policy documents, guidelines, or directives* specific to individuals with combat experience, or who have served, in Ukraine and are seeking to re-enlist with the NZDF. This part of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA.

With respect to the second part of your request concerning any *assessments or advice* on those who are seeking to re-enlist, these are recorded in an individual's personal file. As per the earlier decision for similar information, this part of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA.

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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