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Dear

I refer to your email of 9 October 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Noting a PWQ responded to recently by the Defence Minister recently re AFIC engagements, RNZ requests release in fully searchable format re:

- What meetings of the Five Eyes C5 Campaign Plan, or related to or in support of this – and noting the scope includes initiatives with a similar name, or which NZDF knows itself to be connected to this Plan (so, we are asking NZDF for a comprehensive list that does not exclude info on the basis names are different) have NZDF/MOD officials (and/or other NZ agency officials should NZDF have this info) attended, if any
 - by location and date,
 - o and title of meeting,
 - o a summary of meeting aim,
 - o with how many officials/defence personnel
 - o and please provide the titles of the two most senior of those people
 - and the title of any subsequent document arising from that engagement eg a report on proceedings
- Exactly as above but for Five Eyes 'federated' space system (referred to in US docs as being in place by 2025)
- Exactly as above but for the ISC2N

With respect to the first part of your request, there are no meetings directly related to a *Five Eyes C5 Campaign Plan.* New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel have attended Combined Communications-Electronics Board meetings at which a draft campaign plan has been discussed. Relevant NZDF information for these meetings that took place in 2025 is provided in the table below:

Date	Location	Summary	NZDF personnel attending	NZDF documents
28 Jul	Washington D.C., U.S.A.	Initial planning	Lieutenant Colonel	Nil
4 Aug	Washington D.C., U.S.A.	Direction and guidance	Lieutenant Colonel	Nil

21 Aug	Washington D.C., U.S.A.	Completing draft plan	Lieutenant Colonel	Nil
1 Sep	Washington D.C., U.S.A.	Delivering draft plan	Lieutenant Colonel	Nil
10 Sep	Virtual	Principals meeting to review draft plan	Colonel Lieutenant Colonel	Nil
6-10 Oct	Suffolk, U.S.A.	Executive Group meeting where draft plan was presented	Lieutenant Colonel	Nil

You have also requested similar information about *Five Eyes 'federated' space system* and the International Smallsat Command Control Network (ISC2N). Relevant NZDF information for meetings attended by NZDF Defence Science and Technology staff, where the Federated Space Architecture and ISC2N were specifically discussed, is provided in the table below:

Date	Location	Summary	NZDF personnel attending	NZDF documents
Sep 2022	U.K.	Report/review multiple projects and conduct future panning	Programme Leader Division Chief	Post activity report
Mar 2023	Australia	Develop and agree technical details of key projects	Senior Researcher	Post activity report
Jan 2024	U.S.A.	Report/review multiple projects and conduct future panning	Programme Leader	Post activity report
Oct 2024	U.K.	Develop and agree technical details of key projects	Senior Researcher	Nil
Mar 2025	U.S.A.	Develop and agree technical details of key projects	Senior Researcher	Post activity report
Mar 2025	U.S.A.	Report/review multiple projects and conduct future panning	Science and Technology Lead	Post activity report ¹
Sep 2025	Canada	Report/review multiple projects and conduct future panning	Programme Leader	Post activity report

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Yours sincerely

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¹ A copy of this report is publicly available at https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/assets/Uploads/DocumentLibrary/OIA-2025-5393 NZDF-DST-engagements-April-2025.pdf