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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 7 October 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information about the loss of HMNZS Manawanui: *When will the Court Martial of the Commanding Officer be held? When will the Court Martial(s) of the Senior Officers be held who allowed a vessel to put to sea with an unqualified CO?*

No decisions on any courts martial proceedings concerning the loss of HMNZS Manawanui have been made. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as the requested information does not exist.

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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