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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 7 October 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *Any correspondence, memoranda, or internal advice provided by the NZDF to MFAT, Customs, or Crown Law concerning the LM2500 or other gas turbine components linked to Saudi naval or defence applications between 2020 and 2022.*
2. *Any risk or security assessments conducted or provided by NZDF regarding the LM2500's military classification or its potential end-use in conflict zones.*
3. *Records of meetings, briefings, or consultation notes where Defence officials discussed or endorsed MFAT's decision to reclassify the LM2500 as "not controlled."*
4. *Any internal NZDF reviews or commentary on export-control procedures involving dual-use equipment following that decision.*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is the agency responsible for administering New Zealand's export control regime. The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has had no role concerning the LM2500 or other gas turbine components linked to Saudi naval or defence applications, or the military classification or its potential end-use in conflict zones.

Your request is declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as the NZDF does not hold information within the scope of the request.

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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