

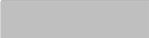


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Dear 

I refer to your email of 22 October 2025 to the Ministry of Defence requesting *Cabinet papers and briefings to the minister of defence on the Technology Accelerator discussed in the Defence Industry Strategy*. Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The Cabinet paper remains under consideration and is withheld in full for the time being in accordance with section 9(2)(f)(iv), to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

The following extract concerning the Technology Accelerator is from the Defence Weekly Report (11-17 September 2025) to the Minister of Defence and the Associate Minister of Defence:

*Request for Information: Technology Accelerator*

The *2025 Defence Capability Plan* includes indicative funding of \$100-\$300 million for a new Technology Accelerator. The Accelerator is an opportunity to shift how the NZDF, working with the advanced technology sector, transforms innovative ideas into capabilities that can deliver real defence outcomes. At its heart will be a partnership model that rapidly pulls through disruptive and new technologies into capabilities used by the war fighter.

The design of the Technology Accelerator, and how it will operate, is the subject of a business case which is scheduled for Cabinet consideration in December, subject to your approval. The business case will be informed by a Request for Information (RFI) which will be released on the Government Electronic Tenders Service this week.

The RFI seeks from industry information that will help shape the Accelerator, particularly with respect to:

the role it could play in New Zealand's defence innovation and capability development landscape

the types of technologies and delivery approaches it could prioritise, and

how such a model could be successfully operated and governed in the New Zealand context.

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](http://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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