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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 3 November 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *information regarding internal briefings, memos, or talking points received, prepared or circulated to public service staff in relation to news about Prince Andrew, Duke of York, including his recent loss of royal titles, for the period 1 October 2025 – present.*

1. *Any briefings, memos, or internal advice prepared for:*
 - o *Ministers*
 - o *Chief executives or senior public service officials*
 - o *Communications or media teams*
2. *Any talking points, guidance, or instructions circulated to staff regarding:*
 - o *Media inquiries*
 - o *Official statements or comments*
 - o *Diplomatic or reputational implications for New Zealand*
 - o *Any measures or actions recommended for New Zealand organisations, agencies, or public bodies in response to the news*
3. *Any risk assessments, situational reports, or notes relating to the potential impact of the news on New Zealand's international relations, public interest, or domestic policy.*
4. *Any correspondence, cables, or communications received from the British High Commission, Buckingham Palace, or other UK official sources concerning the news about Prince Andrew and its implications for New Zealand.*

The New Zealand Defence Force did not receive, prepare or circulate any internal briefings, memos, or talking points regarding the *news about Prince Andrew, Duke of York, including his recent loss of royal titles* over the specified period. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA because the 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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