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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 18 December 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Under the Official Information Act, please supply a list of the names, locations, and dates of all working group and principals meetings attended in-person by New Zealand representatives, inclusive of their job title and rank, held since 30 October 2025 under the following arrangements:

- Air Force Interoperability Council,
- AUSCANNZUKUS Maritime Information Warfare Organisation,
- Combined Communications-Electronics Board,
- ABCANZ Armies.

The requested information is provided in the tables below. Job titles for individuals in operational and/or sensitive roles are withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA, to avoid prejudice to the security and defence of New Zealand. Unless already publicly available, the names of individual working groups are withheld in accordance with section 6(b)(ii) as the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) is not authorised to release these.

Airforce Interoperability Council

Working Group name	Location	Date	Rank
Combined Joint All Domain Command & Control	Boston, USA	27-31 Oct	Group Captain
Airworthiness	Ohio, USA	4-6 Nov	Wing Commander
Training infrastructure	Florida, USA	1-5 Dec	Squadron Leader

Combined Communications-Electronics Board

Meeting	Location	Date	Rank
Working Group	Washington D.C., USA	4-Nov	Lieutenant Colonel
Working Group	Virginia, USA	10-Nov	Lieutenant Colonel
Working Group	Virginia, USA	10-Nov	Lieutenant Colonel
Working Group	Ottawa, Canada	17-19 Nov	Colonel
Working Group	Ottawa, Canada	20-Nov	Colonel
Working Group	Virginia, USA	1-Dec	Lieutenant Colonel
Working Group	Washington D.C., USA	5-Dec	Lieutenant Colonel

There was one ABCANZ Armies Executive Council meeting in Sydney, Australia, from 17-20 November 2025. It was attended by a Brigadier, two Colonels, and a Lieutenant Colonel.

Your request for information about AUSCANNZUKUS meetings during the timeframe specified is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as 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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