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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 7 February 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *copies of documents, manuals and communications available on Operation Kiwa and the NZDF's involvement.*

We apologise for the delay in our response. Providing support to New Zealand Government agencies on request is an established output of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). Operation Kiwa is the New Zealand Customs Service (NZCS) name for ongoing NZCS led interagency counter narcotic activities, which may include the NZDF. Foundational documents for Operation Kiwa are still in draft form and have yet to be finalised. The NZCS will respond to your request for information held by that agency.

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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