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Dear 

I refer to your email of 10 February 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

The amount of cyber related incidents involving the NZ Defence Force each year between, 2019 to 2025. The amount of money spent on cyber security for the NZ Defence Force each year between, 2019 to 2025.

The table below shows the number of cyber incidents recorded between 2021 and 2025. No data is available for 2019 or 2020. It does not include low-level malicious activity such as port scanning, which may or may not lead to an incident. Port-scanning data is not collected, but it is estimated to occur more than 1,000 times per week.

Year	Cyber-related Incidents
2021	61
2022	247
2023	151
2024	128
2025	211

The total NZDF expenditure on Cyber Security for the 2019 to 2025 financial years is provided in the table below. These totals include Operational Expenditure, Personnel Expenditure, and Capital Expenditure.

Financial Year	Expenditure (NZ\$)
2019/20	5,465,872
2020/21	8,389,537
2021/22	8,791,051
2022/23	10,281,082
2023/24	11,573,024
2024/25	10,867,153

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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