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Dear Spencer Jones

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

*Please provide any correspondence, briefings, emails, or internal communications held by or provided to the Veterans' Advisory Board since 1 January 2019 that:*

- 1. discuss whether the Board should (or should not) have visibility of veteran charities or community-based support organisations;*
- 2. consider whether lack of visibility or signposting outside statutory entitlements poses a risk or disadvantage to veterans;*
- 3. record reasons for prioritising (or not prioritising) work on navigation, signposting, or non-statutory support alongside Covenant / Kawenata work; or*
- 4. discuss responsibility for veteran navigation outside Veterans' Affairs NZ statutory functions.*

*This request does not seek a list of charities or a directory of services. It seeks records that explain why such visibility has not been developed or addressed, if any exist.*

Despite all reasonable efforts, no information relevant to your request was located. As a result, your request is declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA because the information does not exist or cannot be found. Reports to the Minister, which cover the Board's consideration, are published on the Veterans' Affairs website.

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.

Yours sincerely

**GA Motley**

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