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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 19 February 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

How many parolees are living in houses owned by the NZDF and/or defence housing areas?

There are no parolees living in houses owned and managed by the NZDF. The NZDF owns several residential properties that are managed by private companies. The details of the occupants of these properties is not held by the NZDF for contractual and privacy reasons.

Which camps and/or bases are parolees living in?

Housing on camps and bases is allocated to New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel and other individuals requiring access for official purposes.

Is this a new policy? If not, when did the practice of allowing parolees to live in houses owned by the NZDF and/or defence housing areas begin?

Please can we have a copy of any MOU or agreement between the Dept of Corrections and/or Police and NZDF regarding the placement and/or potential placement of parolees in defence housing?

Please provide us with any information or advice given to surrounding neighbors or tenants living in the housing areas where parolees have been accommodated.

There is no policy about parolees being allowed to live in NZDF houses, no Memorandum of Understanding with New Zealand Police or the Department of Corrections, and no advice being provided to local residents regarding parolees living in NZDF managed housing. These parts of your request are therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA.

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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