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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 19 February 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *service recruitment targets, and subsequent attestation data for 2025 and for the recruit and officer intakes for each of Army, Navy and Air Force for 2026.*

The information that you have requested is contained in the tables below, broken down by service, recruit course and calendar year, as at 19 February 2026.

2025		
Service	Target	Attested
Royal New Zealand Air Force	156	162
New Zealand Army	489	402
Royal New Zealand Navy	148	140
Total	793	704

2026		
	Target	Attested
Royal New Zealand Air Force		
Initial Officer Training 26/1	27	15
Initial Officer Training 26/2	22	Yet to commence.
R1/26 (Recruit)	103	96
R2/26 (Recruit)	54	Yet to commence.
R3/26 (Recruit)	37	Yet to commence.
New Zealand Army		
Initial Induction Training 26/1 (Officer)	70	40
RRF418 (Recruit)	129	96
RRF419 (Recruit)	130	Yet to commence.
RRF420 (Recruit)	130	Yet to commence.
RRF421 (Recruit)	130	Yet to commence.
Royal New Zealand Navy		
JOCT26/1 (Officer)	25	20
JOCT26/2 (Officer)	20	Yet to commence.
BCT26/1 (Recruit)	104	86
BCT26/2 (Recruit)	91	Yet to commence.

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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