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Dear Graeme Doull

I refer to your email of 3 March 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

A high level indication of the scale of the funds allocated by NZDF (including defence units and agencies) for this work with these 3 suppliers in total.

This could be presented as a range of spend as an example \$1-5 million to assist with maintaining commercial sensitivity if this was required.

Please confirm allocated budget only, not any future potential spend.

For the current experimental activity with these suppliers, the total allocated NZDF budget is approximately NZD \$1.5 million. This funding is directed to support evaluation, integration, and learning activities associated with the systems involved.

A breakdown of this allocation is as follows:

- Approximately \$1.4 million has been allocated to SYOS for uncrewed systems, associated support, and training.
- Between \$100,000 and \$200,000 has been allocated to Sysdoc for development of learning and training support material.
- The work being undertaken with Hirtenberger is being conducted under an existing relationship, and therefore no new budget allocation has been required for this specific activity.

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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