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Dear Spencer Jones

I refer to your request of 7 March 2026, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), seeking *information relating to inter-agency data-sharing arrangements involving information about veterans*, as follows:

Specifically, I request copies of any agreements, memoranda of understanding, information-sharing agreements, protocols, or operational arrangements between Veterans' Affairs New Zealand and other government agencies relating to the sharing, exchange, or linkage of information about individuals who meet the definition of "veteran" under the Veterans' Support Act 2014.

This request includes, but is not limited to, arrangements with:

- *Statistics New Zealand (including Integrated Data Infrastructure participation)*
- *the Ministry of Health (including National Health Index linkage)*
- *the Accident Compensation Corporation*
- *the Ministry of Social Development*
- *the New Zealand Defence Force personnel systems*
- *any other agency that receives, supplies, or links administrative data relating to veterans.*

For each arrangement, please provide:

1. *The name or title of the agreement or protocol.*
2. *The agencies involved.*
3. *The purpose of the data sharing.*
4. *The types of data or identifiers shared (for example service records, entitlement data, health identifiers, or demographic information).*
5. *The date the agreement commenced and whether it remains in force.*

Information on the VA-Approved Information Sharing Agreement (AISA) is available on the Veterans' Affairs (VA) website¹. This includes background information, a copy of the agreement, a list of agencies party to the agreement, and other details about what is being shared and why.

¹ <https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/about-veterans-affairs/our-programmes/aisa/>

With regard to the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI), VA has worked with Statistics New Zealand to anonymise data on veterans that is added to the IDI, to be available—under carefully controlled arrangements—for relevant research purposes. Information about this is also available on the VA website².

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.

Yours sincerely

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² <https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/about-veterans-affairs/our-programmes/integrated-data-infrastructure-idi/>.