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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 14 March 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I see that the 2021-2022 'ANNUAL REPORT ON THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM' is available on the NZDF website, but there have not been any subsequent updates posted for later years.

I would like to request copies of any such 'ANNUAL REPORT ON THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM' (or equivalent documents) which were prepared after the publicly released September 2022 report.

Can you also please indicate why no further annual reports on military justice been released since the September 2022 report?

The Annual Report on the Military Justice System for 2021-22 is the only instance of this report being created by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). A review is currently considering the best methods to report and convey information about the operation of the military justice system. This is, in part, connected to the Armed Forces Discipline Legislation Amendment Bill.

As a result, no equivalent documents to the 2021-2022 Report have been generated. Your request is 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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