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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 11 April 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), further information regarding the Annual Report on the Military Justice System document.

- *Copies of emails advising, discussing or directing the cessation of the report.*
- *Meeting notes or agendas pertaining to this decision.*
- *Any media monitoring reports or analysis that was generated by defence public affairs around media coverage of the 2021-2022 report.*

A search was undertaken regarding the above information, but none was found. These parts of your request are therefore refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

- *I would assume that the original intention was to issue this document on an annual basis following the 2021-2022 release. Can you confirm that this was the original intention?*
- *Can you indicate how the decision was made to commence work on the publicly released 'ANNUAL REPORT ON THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM'?*
- *When was this decision to commence made, and when was the decision cease work on the program of issuing public reports made?*

The 2021-2022 Annual Report (the Report) was a pilot publication. The Report was created following a 2022 discussion by the then Chief of Defence Force and the then Director of Defence Legal Services (DDLs) regarding a source of useable Summary Trial statistics. The Report was produced to assess whether the approach was feasible and would add value.

No decision to discontinue annual reports was recorded. Future approaches to reporting military justice information remain under consideration.

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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