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Dear Spencer Jones

I refer to your request of 7 March 2026 to The Treasury and transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *any actuarial models, fiscal projections, scenario analyses, or policy briefings prepared by or for the Treasury relating to the long-term fiscal liability associated with entitlements administered under the Veterans' Support Act 2014*. More specifically, you requested:

1. *Any actuarial valuations, forecasts, or modelling estimating the current or projected cost of veteran entitlements administered under the Veterans' Support Act 2014.*
2. *Any scenario modelling assessing the fiscal impact of potential changes to the statutory definition of "veteran", including modelling relating to non-operational service personnel.*
3. *Any fiscal risk assessments, sensitivity analyses, or long-term projections prepared for Budget Economic and Fiscal Updates, Half-Year Economic and Fiscal Updates, or other fiscal strategy reports that consider veteran entitlements.*
4. *Any modelling or financial analysis prepared in response to judicial decisions affecting veteran entitlements, including analysis of potential fiscal impacts arising from relevant case law or appeal decisions.*
5. *Any briefings, aide-memoire, Cabinet papers, or internal Treasury advice discussing the long-term fiscal risk or liability associated with veteran entitlements or potential expansion of eligibility under the Veterans' Support Act 2014.*
6. *Any actuarial or demographic modelling estimating the current or projected population of veterans eligible for entitlements under the Veterans' Support Act 2014.*

Decisions in response to the outcome of an appeal to the Veterans' Entitlements Appeal Board (VEAB) and a related High Court judgment have not yet been made, and this remains a matter under active consideration. Related information (including actuarial valuations, modelling and other assessments you have requested) is therefore withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA, to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and government officials.

With respect to modelling or other analyses preceding the aforementioned appeal and High Court judgment, no information within the scope of your request was identified.

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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