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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request to the New Zealand Police that was seeking, in part, the *number of members of a visiting force who carried arms items to NZ per section 3(2)(ia) of the Arms Act...(31 March 2024 to 31 March 2026)*. This part of your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

There is no record of *the number of members of a visiting force who carried arms items to NZ* held by the NZDF. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(g) of the OIA.

Visiting militaries may bring small arms and/or other weapons to New Zealand when they are participating in a planned activities. Records of such activities may register the numbers and types of weapons; however, these are not readily retrievable from a centralised location.

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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