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11th May 2026

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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 14 April 2026, resending a request of 6 October 2025 under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) that was sent to an incorrect email address. Specifically, you have requested:

The name of any NZ Navy ships that have been to Singapore in the last seven months, and confirmation whether any were immobilised due to mechanical failure, damage, or leaks.

Details of the nature of this ship's problems, including (but not limited to):

- a. The location of the problem on the ship*
- b. The severity*
- c. Whether the problem is ongoing, has been contained, or repaired*

The current cost incurred in addressing this incident, budgets associated, and total staff that were on the mission.

The timeline for repair and return to operational status.

Any internal assessments, internal or external reports regarding this incident.

The Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) ships HMNZS Te Kaha and HMNZS Aotearoa were in Singapore between April and October 2025. HMNZS Te Kaha undertook a port visit as part of a longer deployment, and HMNZS Aotearoa was in Singapore for planned and scheduled maintenance. Neither ship was *immobilised due to mechanical failure, damage, or leaks*, therefore that part of your request for any assessments or reports is 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 80relating to the reported presence of

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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