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Mr Richards

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Dear Mr Richards

I refer to the email of 30 April 2026 from Health New Zealand to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) regarding your request for information about '*amendments to Chapter 5 of the Immunisation Handbook*'. Part 7 of your request was transferred to the NZDF for response in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

As previously advised, the NZDF regularly reviews its Vaccination Treatment Protocols. This is part of the NZDF's standard work programme. The NZDF has not exchanged any '*correspondence, briefings, advice, or assessments*' with Health New Zealand/Te Whatu Ora regarding its review of the Vaccination Treatment Protocols. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA because the requested information does not exist.

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.

Yours sincerely

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