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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 12 May 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *Does the NZDF help, assist, or advise the production of any non-news entertainment media such as movies, documentaries, television shows or computer games? If so, how so?*
2. *If the NZDF does assist with production of such entertainment movies please can you provide a list of all such media which has received assistance after 2010?*

Since 2010, six requests regarding support for non-news entertainment have been approved by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF):

Date	Request	Media
27 Jul 2017	Interview soldiers participating in activities in Waimate	Individual
10 Feb 2020	Film Peter Harcourt marching out as part of documentary on McKenzie Harcourt family	Independent filmmaker
7 Mar 2023	Permission to film Governor William Hobson's grave at Symonds Street Cemetary	Ruckus media
17 Mar 2023	Film drone shot of "hero GP" paddle boarding near Devonport Naval Base	Joy Inc
2 May 2023	Tour and filming of Waiouru Military Camp	Stripe Studios
7 May 2024	Military personnel to teach child actor how to make a bed	Lane Street Studios

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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