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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 4 June 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *how much additional funding was requested for increasing the remuneration of nzdf employees in uniform for the latest budget and how close to civilian pay rates the amounts are projected to be?*

Information will be released, where appropriate, as part of The Treasury Budget 2026 proactive release. As such, your request is declined in accordance with section 18(d) of the OIA because the information will soon be publicly available.

Decisions are yet to be made on how Budget 2026 funding will be allocated, and no projections or estimates of relative remuneration rates have been generated by the New Zealand Defence Force. As at 1 May 2026, military base salaries were on average 10 percent below the market rate.

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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