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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 13 June 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Will AI drones which are purchased or developed by the military be programmed on an individual level with "detailed data of kaupapa Māori methodologies and frameworks" and kept "always up to date on contemporary Te Tiriti data" and who will write code for them?

As the development of this capability is in its early stages, there are currently no plans within the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) to program drones *with "detailed data of kaupapa Māori methodologies and frameworks" and kept "always up to date on contemporary Te Tiriti data"*.

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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