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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 8 July 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information about New Zealand defence Force (NZDF) fuel supplies:

- *Does the NZDF have enough fuel reserves to be able to travel to parts of the Pacific Islands in order to assist with disaster response and humanitarian emergencies?*
- *What is the level of fuel reserves in the NZDF currently, would this be adequate in order to support Pacific Islands with potential disaster response and humanitarian assistance efforts, and if so, for how long?*

The NZDF carries out contingency planning and preparedness activities for a broad range of eventualities, including fuel and shipping disruption. As a critical element to NZDF capability, information related to current NZDF fuel levels, planning, and assessments are withheld in full in accordance with section 6(a) 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 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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