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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 14 July 2026 to the Minister of Defence seeking the following information:

All reviews done by Defence Legal Services to ensure suppliers compliance with International Humanitarian Law and other applicable legal obligations, since January 1st 2024.

Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

A total of 11 reviews were performed by Defence Legal Services to ensure suppliers' compliance with International Humanitarian Law and other applicable legal obligations from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

All weapons, means, and methods reviewed over this period were determined to be legal and in accordance with all domestic requirements and international obligations. Weapons, means, and methods that are not compliant with New Zealand's obligations are normally filtered out prior to the formal review process.

Further details on these reviews are subject to legal professional privilege and are withheld under section 9(2)(h) 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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