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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 20 July 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff employed by your department in each of the following locations as at 30 June 2026.*

- Auckland FTEs
- Wellington FTEs
- Christchurch FTEs
- Regional North Island (excluding Auckland and Wellington) FTEs
- Regional South Island (excluding Christchurch) FTEs
- Overseas FTEs

Please refer to the below table, which details Full Time Equivalent (FTE) civilian staff and Regular Force personnel in the New Zealand Defence Force as at 30 July 2026.

Location	Civilian staff	Regular Force	Total
Overseas	4.0	192.0	196.0
Auckland	617.9	2,996.4	3,614.3
Wellington	1,481.9	1,095.0	2,576.9
Christchurch	175.3	1,016.1	1,191.4
North Island Other	438.0	3,270.0	3,708.0
South Island Other	94.7	443.0	537.6

The Christchurch figures include staff and personnel located in Christchurch City, Burnham, and West Melton. The other Canterbury locations i.e. Glentunnel, Tekapo and Timaru, are included in the 'South Island Other' figures.

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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