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Dear V Tempsky

I refer to your email of 19 August 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) *the cost, on a total remuneration basis, of a typical crew (flight + mission) for New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) aircraft.*

While each crew varies by rank, qualification, experience, and aircraft type, the average crew numbers are as follows:

P-8A	10 personnel
C130J	3 personnel
NH90	4 personnel
B757	Between 6-10 personnel
KA350 (Transport role)	2 personnel
KA350 (Surveillance role)	3-4 personnel
SH-2G	3 personnel
A109	2 personnel

The average remuneration level for all NZDF personnel is approximately \$100,000.

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.

Yours sincerely

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