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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 11 September 2026 to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and the Ministry of Defence (MoD), under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) regarding *the proposed acquisition of armaments for the MH-60R maritime helicopter*. As advised in the email to you of 15 September 2026, the NZDF is only responding to the following part of your request that is specific to the NZDF:

4. *Please provide any existing assessment of the ammunition-storage or infrastructure implications of acquiring these weapons, including whether existing NZDF facilities are assessed as sufficient or whether additional storage capacity or infrastructure would be required.*

The NZDF conducted an initial assessment of the ammunition storage implications associated with acquiring MHR-introduced munitions. The assessment considered the storage requirements for the proposed ammunition against existing NZDF ammunition storage capacity and infrastructure.

The initial assessment concluded that additional storage facilities would be required. Given the sensitivity of the information concerned, copies of the 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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