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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 18 September 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information about vehicles purchased for the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF).

According to the 2000 LAV Cabinet Paper (August 2000)

"Tenders were sought [in 1999] for 152 wheeled vehicles in the variants of 26 FSV's and 126 IMV's including Command Vehicles, Engineer Vehicles and Recovery Vehicles." This OIA seeks the tender docs referred to above and the MoD/Army assessment of responses to this tender - that I understand concluded the LAV III was the preferred choice.

As advised in an email to you of 18 September 2026, aspects of your request related to the Ministry of Defence have been transferred to that agency for response, in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the OIA.

Despite all reasonable efforts, no information relevant to your request was located within NZDF files or archives. As a result, your request is declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA because the information does not exist or cannot be found.

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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