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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 29 September 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- * Does the agency use AI tools to process or respond to OIA requests/ If so, how?*
- * Any advice the agency has received or generated about whether AI tools work effectively in responding to requests*

The New Zealand Defence Force does not use AI tools to process or respond to OIA requests, and has not sought or generated advice on the subject.

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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