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Dear [redacted]

I refer to your email of 18 October 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *copies of the annual Defence Force Order (DFO) 35 reports for 2022–23, 2023–24 and 2024–25*.

Thank you for drawing this to my attention. The DFO 35 Civilian Harm annual report for the years 2022 to 2025 was not uploaded to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) website due to an administrative oversight. The report is enclosed for your convenience and is now available on the NZDF website[1].

You may note a departure from reporting the DFO 35 report annually to consolidating 2022 to 2025 into one report in this instance. An internal audit of reporting records earlier this year identified outstanding annual DFO 35 reporting requirements for this period. To address this omission and ensure compliance with reporting obligations, the relevant information was consolidated into a single report covering the affected reporting period.

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 may be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:
1. Annual Report: Defence Force Order 35

[1] https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/assets/Uploads/DocumentLibrary/DFO-35_Annual-Report-NZDF-Responses-to-Civilian-Harm-1-July-2022-30-June-2025.pdf