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Dear [redacted]

I refer to your email of 29 October 2026 requesting *any reports, research or other material relating to the socioeconomic backgrounds of staff or personnel*. You had particular interest in whether the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) had *collected, analysed, or considered collecting information on:*

- *Parental occupation.*
- *Parental education.*
- *First-in-family university attendance.*
- *Socioeconomic background.*
- *Social mobility.*
- *First-generation professionals.*

Your request was considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The NZDF does not collect the requested information and does not intend to; therefore, no analysis of the requested information has been created. Your request is declined in accordance with section 18(e) 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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