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OIA-2026-6064

9th November 2026

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Dear [redacted]

I refer to your emails of 3 November 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA): *the following information relating to former Chief of Defence Force Air Marshal Tony Davies,* investigations and allegations, 2002–2006, appointment as Chief of Air Force, 2016, and appointment as Chief of Defence Force, 2024; and, information *about the handling of allegations concerning Tony Davies and a junior RNZAF servicewoman while they served at 40 Squadron...relating to the period between 2001 and 2006.*

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has requested the Inspector General of Defence (IGD) investigate the resignation of former Chief of Defence Force Air Marshal Tony Davies and related matters. Until such time as the IGD decides to carry out such an investigation, and the scope for any investigation is determined, the information you have requested is withheld in accordance with section 6(c) of the OIA.

Once those determinations are made, the NZDF is prepared to reconsider your requests.

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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I refer to your email of 27 October 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *the following in relation to the former Chief of Defence Air Marshal Tony Davies' resignation*:

- *All reports, complaints, investigation records, correspondence, meeting notes and other documents held by NZDF concerning the relationship, any associated conduct concerns, and any failure to disclose the relationship.*
- *Records identifying when NZDF first became aware of the relationship, when Davies first disclosed it, and the circumstances in which the disclosure was made.*
- *All records relating to the opportunity to disclose the relationship that Davies referred to in his public statement, including any relevant advice, correspondence, meeting notes and reports.*
- *Any records of previous investigations, assessments, disciplinary processes or decisions relating to the relationship, any associated conduct concerns, or any failure to disclose it, including their outcomes and any action taken.*
- *All briefings, reports, emails, meeting notes and other records concerning the circumstances leading to Davies' resignation, including advice about his continued suitability for the role and the decision that his position was no longer tenable.*
- *The referral of the matter to the Inspector-General of Defence, including the date of referral, its scope, any terms of reference and any accompanying documents.*
- *Please include relevant electronic correspondence and attachments.*

On 23 October 2026, Acting Chief of Defence Force Major General King initially referred the matter to the Inspector General of Defence, and on 28 October 2026, Chief of Defence Force Vice Admiral Williams provided draft terms of reference. A copy of the relevant information is withheld in accordance with sections 6(c) and 9(2)(ba) of the OIA. Respectively, this is to avoid prejudice to the maintenance of the law, including the investigation of offences, and to protect information that was provided under an obligation of confidence and it is in the public interest that such matters are referred to the appropriate oversight body in confidence to enable proper consideration.

The Inspector General of Defence is investigating the resignation of former Chief of Defence Force Air Marshal Tony Davies and related matters. Until such time as the terms of reference for that investigation are known, the other information you have requested is withheld in accordance with section 6(c) of the OIA.

Once the scope of the investigation is known, some of the information you have requested may be considered for release.

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