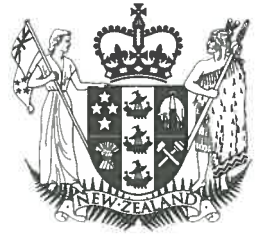


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Simon Ewing-Jarvie
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Dear Mr Ewing-Jarvie

Thank you for your email of 11 June 2019 in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Estimates by year to 2035 of the additional capital charge and depreciation burden on Vote: Defence and Vote: Defence Force that will be created by indicative budgets for investments listed in the Defence Capability Plan 2019.

I am declining your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information you have requested does not exist. Defence is unable to provide estimates, by year, to 2035 of capital charges or depreciation due to variability of when business cases will be presented to Cabinet for consideration.

The recently released Defence Capability Plan (DCP) reconfirmed forecasts of capital expenditure of \$20 billion out to 2030. It is intended that the DCP will be delivered in a fiscally responsible manner, with the indicative capabilities and costs outlined in the Plan being subject to robust scrutiny prior to Cabinet consideration of business cases and funding being available through the Budget.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to request the Ombudsman review and investigate this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B McLachlan'.

Ben McLachlan
Senior Ministerial Advisor