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Dear Terry Thomas

I refer to your request of 14 June 2021, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following:

*Please provide all proposals and budgets for 2021 matariki celebrations the ministry is proposing to directly fund, whether the event is confirmed or not. Also the location/s of such event/s and who will be invited (categories rather than individuals).*

Events celebrating Matariki have been held from 5 to 9 July 2021, at Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force. The only costs associated with these events were the facilitator's fee and some catering, of under \$2000. These events were advertised within Defence House for attendance by Defence personnel.

Events celebrating Matariki have also been held by the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) at Te Taua Moana Marae, the RNZN Band Room and the RNZN Museum. Te Taua Moana Marae has an approximate budget of \$2000 for Matariki celebrations each year. These events were advertised for attendance by Defence personnel.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely

for  
**AJ WOODS**  
Air Commodore  
Chief of Staff HQNZDF