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Dear Harold

I refer to your request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade seeking a copy of the following document: *"Submission – Joint Contingency planning for COVID-19 in the Pacific: Extension to the use of New Zealand Defence Force Capabilities"*. Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force for consideration under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Enclosed is a copy of the requested document. Information regarding Defence Force personnel in an operational role is withheld under section 6(a) of the OIA to avoid prejudice to the security and defence of New Zealand. Personal information is withheld to protect privacy in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA. The public interest in release of this information does not outweigh the reason to withhold it in this instance.

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

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

1. Contingency Planning for COVID-19 in the Pacific: Extension to the use of New Zealand Defence Force Capabilities