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Tēnā koe Harold

Thank you for your email of 25 February 2022, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), 11 reports that had been provided to me.

*29/11/2021 "Aide Memoire: Options for an NZDF deployment as part of New Zealand's assistance to the Solomon Islands"*

*01/12/2021 "New Zealand Defence Force Deployment to Solomon Islands"*

*03/12/2021 "Deployment of a New Zealand Defence Force Offshore Patrol Vessel to Solomon Island"*

*29/11/2021 "Network Enabled Army, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Project Implementation Business Case and Updated ISREW Projects Timeline"*

These documents are being prepared for public release and will shortly be available on the Ministry of Defence's website at <https://defence.govt.nz/publications>. As a result, this part of your request is declined under section 18(d) of the Act.

*27/01/2022 "Defence Policy Review – Terms of Reference"*

This document is still subject to Cabinet consideration, so is withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Where information is withheld under section 9(2) I do not consider the public interest in the information outweighs the need to protect it.

*10/09/2021 "Update on the Planned Deployment of NZDF Air and Naval Assets to the South East Asia Region from September to November 2021"*

*17/09/2021 "Aide Memoire: Deployment of NZDF air and naval assets to the South China Sea, September - November 2021"*

*24/09/2021 "Aide Memoire: Deployment of NZDF air and naval assets to the South China Sea, September - October 2021"*

*01/10/2021 "Update - deployment of NZDF air and naval assets to the South China Sea September – October 2021"*

*15/12/2021 "Security Cooperation in the Pacific"*

*20/01/2022 "Update on NZDF initial response to Tonga volcano eruption and tsunami"*

A significant amount of information will need to be consulted with other government agencies. Therefore, I am extending this portion of your request by 35 working days to 18 May 2022 in accordance with section 15A(1) of the Act. However, I will endeavour to respond to you sooner.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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**Minister of Defence**