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Dear Valerie Morse

I refer to your further request of 3 May 2022, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following:

1. *Would you please advise further details of the number of troops involved:*
  - *as part of the HMNZS Matataua Littoral Warfare Force -16th Field Regiment*
  - *"other personnel" - how many and what roles are these personnel in?*

New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel attending RIMPAC 2022 will be from a number of different units. HMNZS Matataua is a major contributor with 34 personnel attending. These personnel will be undergoing diving and hydrographic training, based in California. The New Zealand Army is sending personnel from 16 Field Regiment, with nine personnel conducting range training and currency activities in Hawaii. There are a further 35 personnel attending drawn from across the NZDF, who will be employed in the exercise headquarters training and facilitation roles onshore, or Command and Control roles at sea.

2. *Will NZDF personnel be onshore at any stage in the training?*

Yes, 27 NZDF personnel attending RIMPAC 22 will be employed in shore-based roles during the exercise.

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

Yours sincerely

**AJ WOODS**

Air Commodore  
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