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Dear Scott

I refer to your email of 1 August 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), a copy of the *"lessons collection" produced by the NZDF Lessons Learnt team on the topic of NZDF's support for the All of Government response to the Christchurch 2019 terror attacks (Operation Deans)*.

This is a collection of raw data from New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel about their observations from the operation. This data was collected in confidence to inform a Lessons Learned Report should it be required. To date, no report has been written.

As a result, this raw data is withheld in full in accordance with sections 9(2)(ba)(i) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA in order to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions. The public interest in providing this information does not outweigh the reasons 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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Chief of Staff HQNZDF