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Dear D Maclure

I refer to your email of 17 November 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the award date of the bus services contract in the Auckland region.

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) entered into an agreement with bus services to transport NZDF personnel to and from Devonport Naval Base in Auckland. This agreement was awarded on 15 October 2019 with the provision of services to begin from 1 December 2019 and set to expire on 30 November 2024. It is currently suspended, however, given COVID-19 impacts on the training requirements of NZDF personnel which has resulted in a reduced requirement for the services.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website.

Yours sincerely

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