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B Stevenson
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Dear B Stevenson

TRANSFER OF YOUR INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your enquiry of 2 March 2023 to the Ministry of Defence in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Does the New Zealand armed forces still impose a mandatory covid-19 vaccine requirement for all new recruits as of 01/03.2023. If so, are you looking into abandoning this positioning on requirements into the armed forces?

The information you have requested relates to the work of New Zealand Defence Force, which is a separate agency to the Ministry of Defence. Accordingly, I am transferring your request to New Zealand Defence Force in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this transfer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian MacGregor', written in a cursive style.

Adrian MacGregor
Managing Principal

cc: NZDF Ministerial Services
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