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Dear James Hunter

I refer to your email of 4 May 2023 asking the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) to provide answers based on assumptions asserted in your request in relation to a scenario where the New Zealand Government decided to send equipment & weapons for Ukraine's armed forces.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Please note the OIA does not apply to hypothetical situations. The following information is provided in respect to the current situation regarding NZDF vehicles.

All 22 New Zealand Light Armoured Vehicles (NZLAVs) purchased by Chile for USD \$19.855 million, have been shipped to Chile as of May 2023. There are eight additional NZLAVs that are surplus to requirements.

The NZDF does not have any Pinzgauer Light Operational Vehicles or Mercedes-Benz Unimog vehicles that are surplus to requirements.

Supplies of Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missiles have been used in training or otherwise by the NZDF since 24 Feb 2022.

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 www.ombudsman.parliament.nz 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, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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