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Dear Mr Stoneley

I refer to your email of 3 February 2015 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information about dismissal rates and equipment cost in the Territorial Forces. You requested:

1. *Please provide the amount of TF personnel dismissed in the last 10 years. A dismissal is one which is defined by your comment in "non-effective personnel, of course, will be eventually dismissed".*
2. *Further to the above request, for the last 5 years, please breakdown those dismissals into why they were dismissed. I am presuming the majority will be for non-attendance, but all major reasons are expected. Case-by-case basis data is not required. I am merely looking for a table of the major causes for dismissals of TF personnel.*
3. *Finally, could you please provide an estimate, for the past 5 years, on the cost of unreturned equipment (or even the amount) from TF who either leave voluntarily or are dismissed. This does not include equipment lent to TF that is either returned in a condition that can not be used again, or equipment lost or is now unusable while they are still employed.*

Accompanying this letter are two tables which contain the information sought in your first two questions. Table 1 show the total number of Reserve Force personnel from all services who left the New Zealand Defence Force in the past ten calendar years. Departures include voluntary and involuntary exits. Table 2 shows Reserve Force personnel exits over the past five years, broken down by release category.

The estimated cost of equipment not returned by Reserve Force personnel in the last five years is approximately \$86,000. This figure is based on historical averages.

I trust that this satisfies your request for official information.

Yours sincerely



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Year	Number of Releases
2005	445
2006	557
2007	620
2008	615
2009	552
2010	356
2011	377
2012	473
2013	407
2014	335

Table 1. Number of releases from the Reserve Forces (all Services) between 2005 and 2014.

Release Category	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Normal Release: Engagement Completed	293	302	418	357	303
Normal Release: Resignation	55	58	42	32	28
Service-Initiated Discharge	4	8	2	3	3
Redundancy	2	1	4	4	0
Medical Discharge	1	2	1	0	0
Death	1	2	0	2	0
Seamless Transfer to the Regular Force	0	4	6	9	1
Total	356	377	473	407	335

Table 2. Number of releases from the Reserve Forces (all Services) by release category, 2010 to 2014.