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Dear Rodney

## TRANSFER OF YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 2 November 2024, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*Given that Ministry of Defence defines a veteran differently to other countries, please provide estimates for how many former defence personnel will not be covered by veteran affairs, for this and other significant PCBU risks (e.g. hearing). Specifically, given that veteran status is conferred based on operational status, the question is how many people who have not been granted veteran status by the New Zealand Government will be ineligible for cover due to the New Zealand Government's definition of a veteran.*

The Ministry of Defence (the Ministry) and the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) operate as separate entities. As the lead civilian advisor on defence, the Ministry is responsible for the development of defence policy, international engagements, and the procurement of major capability.

The information you have requested is more closely connected with the work of the NZDF. Accordingly, I am transferring your request to that agency 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Adrian MacGregor'.

Adrian MacGregor  
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