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Dear Valerie Morse

I refer to your email of 14 February 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), a list of the training exercises including ongoing exercises, who the training partners are, if any (including foreign militaries), and number of troops involved at Waiouru from 1 July 2024 to present.

A total of 328 training activities, involving 11,163 New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel occurred at Waiouru since 1 July 2024. As part of the Singapore Armed Forces Exercise Thunder Warrior, 40 field activities/exercises took place in February. The number of Singapore Armed Forces personnel is provided to the NZDF on a basis of confidence and is therefore withheld in accordance with section 6(b)(i) of the OIA. This exercise does not involve NZDF personnel.

Training activities are separated into Camp and Field activities, where field activities are conducted in the Waiouru Military Training Area and Camp activities occur within the bounds of Waiouru Military Camp. The record system for these activities does not record a name for each activity, and many activities are not named due to their small scale. The following table provides a breakdown of these activities/exercises by month.

Month	Camp activity/exercises	Field activity/exercises	Number of NZDF personnel
July 2024	5	30	880
August 2024	5	60	2,756
September 2024	3	44	1,771
October 2024	4	65	2,199
November 2024	4	62	2,247
December 2024	3	21	972
January 2025	0	22	338
February 2025	0	40	0

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Yours sincerely

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