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Troy McClure

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Dear Troy

TRANSFER OF YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 19 February 2025, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I am requesting access to all communications relating to the HMNZS Manawanui and Yvonne Gray for the year 2025. Specifically, I request any and all written, electronic, and other communications, including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, meeting notes, or any other relevant documents, between the following individuals:

Judith Collins, Minister of Defence

Rear Admiral Garin Golding, Chief of Navy Chris Luxon, Prime Minister
The timeframe for these communications should cover all correspondence during the year 2025.

To clarify, I am seeking:

Any discussions regarding the operational status, maintenance, deployment, or any other operational matters concerning the HMNZS Manawanui.

Any communications related to Yvonne Gray in connection with the HMNZS Manawanui (e.g., roles, decisions, reports, or contributions).

Any planning, decision-making, or policy related to the vessel or individuals that involve the Ministry of Defence, the New Zealand Navy, or the Prime Minister's Office.

Any advice, reports, or recommendations from or to these individuals regarding the HMNZS Manawanui or Yvonne Gray.

The Ministry of Defence (the Ministry) and the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) operate as separate entities. As the lead civilian agency on defence matters, the Ministry is responsible for the development of defence policy, international defence engagements and the delivery of major capability projects. The NZDF includes the military services including the Royal New Zealand Navy and its associated operations.

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



Adrian MacGregor
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