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Dear Ms Morse

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 12 October 2015, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), copies of the submissions made on the 2015 Defence White Paper.

We plan to publish all submissions made during the public consultation process online before the end of the year. I am therefore declining your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as this information is soon to become publicly available. The submissions made in the public consultation process are expected to be made available prior to the release of the 2015 Defence White Paper, along with a summary report.

This approach is consistent with the approach we took towards the 2010 Defence White Paper consultation process. All submissions regarding the 2010 Defence White Paper can be found at: <http://www.defence.govt.nz/defence-review.html>.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helene Quilter', with a large loop at the end.

Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence