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Dear Stanley Bannerman

I refer to your email of 9 October 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

- 1. Has the NZDF (or any of its branches, regiments, corps, etc) discussed or made any plans to update insignia, badges, or designs in connection with the new reign?*
- 2. If so, could you please outline what stage that process is at, and whether there is an expected timeline for introducing any new designs?*

Following the accession of His Majesty King Charles III, the former Chief of Staff HQNZDF issued the enclosed instruction. Where indicated: names, contact numbers, and personal information are withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect privacy; and, a signature is withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(k) of the OIA to avoid the malicious or inappropriate use of staff information, such as phishing, scams or unsolicited advertising.

Matters relating to New Zealand Army insignia, badges, or designs in connection with the new reign have been considered but no specific decisions have been made apart from the new King's Colours for 2/1 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment in 2024. The Royal New Zealand Air Force has also considered matters relating to insignia, badges, or designs in connection with the new reign but no specific decisions have been made. The Royal New Zealand Navy continues to adhere to the enclosed protocols.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website.

Yours sincerely

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Chief of Staff HQNZDF

Enclosure:

1. COS Administrative Instruction 22/2024