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Dear Spencer

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act, received on 7 March 2026. You requested:

- 1. Any actuarial valuations, forecasts, or modelling estimating the current or projected cost of veteran entitlements administered under the Veterans' Support Act 2014.*
- 2. Any scenario modelling assessing the fiscal impact of potential changes to the statutory definition of "veteran", including modelling relating to non-operational service personnel.*
- 3. Any fiscal risk assessments, sensitivity analyses, or long-term projections prepared for Budget Economic and Fiscal Updates, Half-Year Economic and Fiscal Updates, or other fiscal strategy reports that consider veteran entitlements.*
- 4. Any modelling or financial analysis prepared in response to judicial decisions affecting veteran entitlements, including analysis of potential fiscal impacts arising from relevant case law or appeal decisions.*
- 5. Any briefings, aide-memoire, Cabinet papers, or internal Treasury advice discussing the long-term fiscal risk or liability associated with veteran entitlements or potential expansion of eligibility under the Veterans' Support Act 2014.*
- 6. Any actuarial or demographic modelling estimating the current or projected population of veterans eligible for entitlements under the Veterans' Support Act 2014.*

I believe that parts of your request are more closely connected to the functions of the New Zealand Defence Force. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act to transfer parts 1-4 and 6 of your request to the New Zealand Defence Force. Part 5 will remain with the Treasury.

The New Zealand Defence Force has 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

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