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Dear Mel

TRANSFER OF YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your enquiry of 8 March 2026 to the Ministry of Defence in which you requested under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the use of First Security to provide security services at Defence camps and bases.

By way of background the Ministry of Defence is a civilian agency that is responsible for the development of defence policy, international defence engagements and the delivery of major capability projects. We are a separate agency from the New Zealand Defence Force and are not involved in the contracting of security services at Defence camps and bases.

We understand that you have also made this request to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). Accordingly, I am transferring your request to that agency in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

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 be 'Charlotte Speedy', written over a blue line.

Charlotte Speedy
Director Ministerial and Public Services