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Dear Stephanie

Thank you for your email of 1 May 2026, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

Copies of any advice, briefings, or assessments provided by the New Zealand Defence Force or the Ministry of Defence to the Minister of Defence, the Prime Minister, or Cabinet between 1 April 2026 and the date of this request regarding potential New Zealand military contributions to a US-led coalition to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, including any assessment of risks to New Zealand Defence Force personnel.

No material has been identified within the scope of your request. As such, it is declined, pursuant to section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

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 'CP'.

Hon Chris Penk
Minister of Defence