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Dear Graeme Doull

I refer to your email of 14 May 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *the current number of personnel by rank currently serving in the NZDF, split across the Army, Navy, and Air Force who are currently paid full-time by the NZDF, excluding those on unpaid leave or absence.*

The total Regular Force headcount at 30 April 2026, excluding those on leave without pay or parental leave, was 9,026. Of these personnel, 8,964 undertake at least a 40-hour week.

Enclosed is a table breaking down this number by rank and service.

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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Enclosure:

1. Number of Full-time Members by Rank and Service.