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Dear A Mosley

I refer to your email of 29 May 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *Current Uniform Inventory Held by HQ*
 - *The current inventory levels of all NZCF uniform items currently held in HQ storage facilities, warehouses, or other storage locations.*
 - *A breakdown by item type and quantity held.*
2. *Historical Uniform Inventory*
 - *Records showing quantities of all NZCF uniform items held within HQ storage over the last three years.*
 - *Where possible, please provide this information by year and item type.*
3. *Uniform Allocations to Units*
 - *Records showing quantities and types of uniform items allocated, distributed, transferred, or issued to NZCF units during the last three years.*
 - *Please include unit-level allocation figures where available.*
4. *Uniform Production / Procurement*
 - *Information relating to uniform items currently being produced, manufactured, procured, or otherwise acquired for NZCF use.*
 - *Quantities produced, procured, or acquired annually over the last three years by item type.*
5. *NZDF Surplus Uniforms and Equipment*
 - *Records relating to uniform items or equipment supplied to NZCF through NZDF surplus processes over the last three years.*
 - *Quantities, item types, and dates supplied where available.*

Enclosure 1 contains a list of current stock of New Zealand Cadet Forces (NZCF) uniform clothing broken down by type and quantity held.

NZCF uniform items are provided to units and personnel primarily through the recirculation of NZCF uniform items throughout the organisation. Additionally, some items are obtained through the ad hoc donation of part-worn serviceable and written-off garments donated by the NZDF through camp/base Clothing Stores, and by direct purchase of new uniform items. NZCF specific uniform items in particular (e.g. cadet working dress, badges, brassards, corps

belts etc) are sourced either through redistribution of existing stock within NZCF as cadets leave the organisation, or as funding allows, through direct procurement.

The NZCF Uniform Processing Centre (UPC) does not operate a computerised uniform stock management system; it predominantly uses paper records. Given that many NZCF unit uniform requests, as well as incoming donations of secondhand uniforms, are of an ad-hoc nature, compiling the information from these records for the last 3 years would be a substantial undertaking that would impair the efficient administration of the NZCF UPC per section 16(2)(a) of the OIA.

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, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

1. Current NZCF uniform stock as at 23 June 2026