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Valerie Morse

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Dear Ms Morse

I refer to your email of 14 September 2016 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

- *The cost of Operation Mahi Tangaroa to NZ*
- *The intended location(s) of Operation Mahi Tangaroa*
- *The list of participating countries in Operation Mahi Tangaroa*

As Exercise Mahi Tangaroa has not started, the costs for the operation cannot yet be provided. I can advise, however, that all costs will be paid for from within existing financial baselines without any extra funding.

Exercise Mahi Tangaroa will be conducted within New Zealand exercise areas, mainly in the Hauraki Gulf and the exercise area to the east of Auckland.

Participants in this exercise will also be taking part in the International Naval Review. The Defence Force intends to publicise the list of visiting ships and dignitaries on or about 20 October 2016, therefore this part of your request is declined under section 18(d) as the information will soon be publicly available.

I trust this satisfies your request for information, however, you retain the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely



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