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Dear Mr Riddell

I refer to your email of 10 March 2018, querying the response you received. Under section 12(2) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the information requested shall be made with due particularity in the request. You made particular requests for information on Operations Troy and Takapu. The 2015 brief also contained information that was not related to Operations Takapu and Troy, and accordingly this was not provided to you.

The Cabinet paper in question is currently being prepared for public release as part of a general release of Government decisions on deployments to the Middle East. This information will be available on the NZDF and Ministry of Defence websites. As a result, this part of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(d) of the OIA. Please note information will still be redacted as required, particularly in respect of that which may prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand, and the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

Concerning your repeated request for briefings, emails, letters, or reports on the implementation of these operations, as explained in my response of 5 March 2018, this information either no longer exists or could not be found.

You have 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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