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Dear T. Benseman

I refer to your email of 8 May 2018 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), a response to the following:

- *please tell me who the NZ Defence Force swears allegiance to now that the NZ government politicians have signed over our sovereignty to the 600 corporations in the TPPA agreement and these corporations now dictate our laws.*
- *Does the NZ Defence Force stand with the people of New Zealand, or the shareholders of the 600 TPPA corporations?*

Members of the Armed Forces swear an oath of allegiance to the sovereign. The oath of allegiance, which is contained in the Defence Regulations 1990, is unchanged by the CPTPP.

I trust this satisfies your request for information.

Yours sincerely

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