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Dear Ms Grasmeder

I refer to your request of 21 May 2018 asking, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

1. *Between 2010 and 2018, how many non-citizens of New Zealand (hereafter, "such personnel") have served in the Defence Forces - whether through a lateral recruitment scheme or other policy?*
2. *Between 2010 and 2018, how many such personnel have enlisted or served each year in the Defence Forces?*
3. *Are such personnel eligible to complete a path to receiving citizenship?*
4. *Are such of personnel under any restrictions in their ability to serve New Zealand's Defence Forces (for instance, exclusion from overseas deployments, exclusion from certain jobs and military, etc.)?*
5. *What laws were defence policies enable such personnel to serve? When and why were they enacted?*

Pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA I am advising that a 20 working day extension has been given to your request as the consultations necessary to make a decision are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision to extend your request.

Yours sincerely



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