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Minister of Defence  
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Dear Mr Ewing-Jarvie

Thank you for your request that was transferred to my office by the Minister of Health. You asked *what payments have been or will be made to the New Zealand Defence Force to cover the cost of the 17 personnel provided in those hospitals during the nurses strike on 12 July 2018*. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

I apologise for the delay in responding to you. The NZDF has received no payment to cover the cost of personnel provided during the nurses strike. There is no intention to recover any costs that may have been incurred.

Pursuant to section 28(3) of the OIA you have the right to complain to an Ombudsman about my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B. McLachlan', followed by a long horizontal line.

Ben McLachlan  
**Senior Ministerial Advisor**