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Re: Documents relating to Action on Defence Policies Since 2017 General Election

Dear Simon Ewing-Jarvie

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your official information request dated 2 July 2018

Copies of all documents over the period since 23 September 2017, whether digital or hard copy, including but not limited to notes, drafts, briefings, requests, minutes of meetings and phone/video logs relating to the following subjects:

1. Re-establishment of an air combat force for NZ.
2. Establishment of a Coastguard as a sub-service of the RNZ Navy, whether armed or not.
3. Improved pay and conditions for service personnel.
4. Establishment of an independent Armed Forces Remuneration Board.
5. Improving resourcing for Territorial and Reserve Forces.
6. Better integration of NZDF and civil defence.
7. Withdrawal of NZ from the Five Power Defence Arrangement or the UK/USA Signals Intelligence Agreement known as Five Eyes.
8. Review of structure and governance of NZDF with a view to full or part civilianisation of some functions and roles.
9. Development of a centre for the training of international peacekeepers in NZ.
10. Phasing out of the ANZAC frigates.
11. Remove or non-installation of anti-submarine warfare or other offensive capabilities on current or future maritime surveillance aircraft.
12. Increased use of training simulators within NZDF to minimise environmental impact.
13. Exemption from income tax for service personnel deployed on operations overseas.
14. Extension of Reserve Forces and Reserve training to a wider section of the NZ population.

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15. Development of civilian-based defence employing techniques such as training to resist aggression and active non-cooperation.

We received your request on 2 July 2018. We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Katie Lemalu by email katie.lemalu@parliament.govt.nz. If any additional factors come to light which are relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that these can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Katie Lemalu', written in a cursive style.

Katie Lemalu
Private Secretary