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TRANSFER OF YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 30 August 2025, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Please provide a list (with names of exercises and dates) of the NZDF's combined exercises/operations with militaries of Pacific Island states from 2020 to the present.

The Ministry of Defence is a civilian agency that is responsible for the development of defence policy, international defence engagements, and the delivery of major equipment projects. The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) is a separate entity that is responsible for the three military services and their associated outputs.

As a result the information you have requested is more closely connected with the work of the NZDF. Accordingly, I am transferring your request to that agency in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this transfer.

Yours sincerely

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