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RESPONSE TO YOUR INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 4 March 2026, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1. Could you please provide the following information about the government's spending on defence in the financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25. For each of those financial years could you please show how much was spent separately on Operations and Capital Expenditure in the following areas:...*
- 2. Could you please tell me how much is expected to be spent, in both Operations and Capital expenditure, in the same areas for FY 2025-26? (Again, not essential IF it delays your response to Question 1.)*

All details related to the annual spend by both the Ministry of Defence and the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), are reported in the Appropriation Statements in each agency's annual reports for 2023/24 and 2024/25. Details pertaining to the annual reports of these agencies are also available at: Ministry of Defence: <https://defence.govt.nz/publications/> and NZDF: <https://nzdf.mil.nz>.

The 2024/25 report outlines details of the budget for the 2025/26 financial year. The finalised spend for 2025/26 will be reported in the agencies' annual reports, which are normally published in October. Treasury would be better placed to provide information pertaining to the other government agencies you ask about, as the Ministry has no responsibility for them. Requests for more detailed information on the spend of each agency is best put to the relevant agency.

Please note that some costs for delivering major defence capability projects appear in both Ministry and NZDF reporting, as the Ministry delivers these projects on behalf of the NZDF. As Veterans Affairs New Zealand is a business unit managed under the auspices of the NZDF, this agency's spend is covered by NZDF's reporting.

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

Yours sincerely

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Acting Chief Financial Officer