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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 2 April 2025 requesting information about Learning Development Officers (LDOs) in the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

1. How many LDOs are currently serving in the Regular Force as of 02 April 2025?
2. What is the breakdown of LDOs by the Services?
3. How many LDOs were recruited in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024?
4. How many LDOs served in the Regular Force in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024?
5. How many LDOs are currently posted to the New Zealand Defence College (NZDC)?

Please refer to the below tables regarding the Regular Force LDO Trade. Note:

- 1) Figures are provided as at 31 March 2025 unless stated otherwise.
- 2) Personnel are Regular Force only.
- 3) NZDF financial years begin 1 July and end 30 June the following year. For example FY23/24, begins 1 July 2023 and ends 30 June 2024.

Table A. Regular Force LDO Personnel by Service as at 31 March 2025

Trade & Service	RNZN	NZ ARMY	RNZAF	REGULAR FORCE Total
LDO Headcount	8	16	17	41

Table B. Regular Force Enlistments (ab-initio and laterally recruited) for LDO Trade for the last six financial years (Excludes trade transfers)

Financial Year	LDO Enlistments
FY19/20	3
FY20/21	1
FY21/22	1
FY22/23	1
FY23/24	5
FYTD 24/25	3

Table C. Regular Force LDO personnel headcount as at 30 June each year

Data Date	LDO Headcount
30/06/2019	26
30/06/2020	26
30/06/2021	23
30/06/2022	27
30/06/2023	29
30/06/2024	38

As at 31 March 2025, 23 Regular Force LDO personnel were within the New Zealand Defence College.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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