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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 9 April 2025 requesting *the calculations used to determine that annual defence spending is going to move to 2% of GDP annually in line with the announced \$12 billion spend.*

Forecast Defence spend to GDP has been calculated using forecast Departmental Appropriations for Votes Defence Force and Vote Defence, and forecast GDP as advised by The Treasury. The announced \$12 billion investments are included as part of the forecast Appropriations. The forecast appropriations are subject to future Budget processes and are withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.

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Yours sincerely

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