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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 20 April 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information,

Is any secondary legislation (i.e. Defence Force Orders) made under s 27 of the Defence Act 1990 restricted or classified?

Yes.

How many pieces of secondary legislation are restricted?

20.

How many pieces of secondary legislation are classified?

3.

What is the highest classification applied to any secondary legislation?

Top Secret.

Is there any secondary legislation (in force or lapsed) which was previously restricted or classified, but is no longer? If so, what is it?

No.

can you please tell me if NZDF presents secondary legislation made to the House as required by section 114(1) of the Legislation Act 2019 and Standing Order 325A, and:

If so, have all Defence Force Orders (including temporary and standalone Defence Force Orders) been presented?

If not, why not?

No. The New Zealand Defence Force does not currently have an obligation to present secondary legislation.

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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