



Headquarters
New Zealand Defence Force
Defence House
Private Bag 39997
Wellington Mail Centre
Lower Hutt 5045
New Zealand

OIA-2025-5389

5th
June 2025

s.9(2)(a)

s.9(2)(a)

Dear s.9(2)(a)

I refer to your email of 12 May 2025 to Veterans' Affairs, seeking the number of veterans and service personnel 'who passed this year'. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Of the veterans who met the definition of veteran under the Veterans' Support Act 2014, and who were registered with Veterans' Affairs, 241 passed away between 1 January and 20 May 2025. Five uniformed members of the New Zealand Defence Force have also passed away since the beginning of 2025.

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

GA Motley

Brigadier

Chief of Staff HQNZDF