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7th April 2026

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Dear Rhys Hurley

I refer to your email of 6 March 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- *Confirmation of whether NZDF authorised work to rearrange or reposition flags displayed in the headquarters building of 16 Field Regiment.*
- *The total cost of this work, including any contractor fees, labour, equipment, or other associated costs (gst inclusive).*
- *Copies of any approvals, authorisations, or work orders relating to this decision.*
- *The reason the rearrangement was undertaken, including any policy, protocol, or guidance relied upon regarding the order or display of flags.*
- *The rank or role (not the name) of the officer or personnel who authorised the work.*
- *Copies of any internal communications, emails, or briefings relating to the decision to rearrange the flags.*
- *Any NZDF policy or guidance governing the display and order of flags in military headquarters buildings.*

16 Field Regiment (the Regiment) verbally authorised the work that included rearranging or repositioning the flags. The request specifically related to adjustments within the Regimental Conference & History Room, including the rearrangement or repositioning of flags displayed in the headquarters conference room. There are no *internal communications, emails, or briefings relating to the decision to rearrange the flags.*

The rearrangement of flags in the Regiment's history room was undertaken as part of routine stewardship of Regimental and Royal New Zealand Artillery Corps heritage. The history room displays flags received from different periods of the Regiment's and Corps history, including from antecedent artillery units. It also displays ceremonial presentations, as well as artefacts from other historic events, that reflect the Regiment's and Corps' lineage over time. The purpose of the rearrangement was to present the flags in a clearer historical order to better support understanding of the Regiment's history, as well as ensuring their respectful display and preservation. This included appropriately distinguishing between official military colours or guidons and other historical or commemorative flags, and ensuring handling was conducted to a suitable standard for heritage items. The work was not associated with any contemporary event and did not change the historical significance or status of any flag.

An extract from NZ P6A, Chapter 6, Section 5, concerning corps and unit flags for the Regiment is provided below:

6048. **Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery:**

a. **RNZA Standard:**

(1) The RNZA standard is 240-cm x 90-cm and is of the same design as the Royal Artillery standard (see RA notes No 43 dated August 1947). It is for ceremonial use only.

(2) When the standard is flown at regimental headquarters the regimental number is to be inserted in the field in white Arabic numerals 22.5-cm high and 6.25-cm wide between the gun and the first white diagonal. If so desired, the divisional or formation sign may be placed immediately above the regimental number. The type of regiment is not shown (for example - Fd) and no other variations are permitted.

(3) When the standard is flown at battery headquarters, the battery number or letter is to appear above and slightly to the left of the regimental number. When a battery is not regimented, the number or letter only is to be used.

(4) In the case of the School of Artillery, the field is to show The School of Artillery in white letters.

b. **RNZA Flag:**

(1) The RNZA flag is 180-cm x 90-cm divided horizontally into equal parts of post office red (BCC 209) upper and purple navy (BCC 219) lower. The gun crest in gold (BCC 114) is positioned centrally on the flag.

(2) The RNZA flag is for day to day use and may be flown at all RNZA headquarters, units, and sub units.

The total cost is yet to be finalised, however, the estimated cost is approximately $3,600 including GST.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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Dear Rhys Hurley

I refer to your email of 13 April 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), additional information following the response of 7 April 2026. Specfically:

- *that the Regimental Conference & History Room is at Linton,*
- *the size of the room (If you could include any photos too as I could not find any online),*
- *and what the spend was on. Meaning was this all staff time or involved some other cost.*

The Regimental Conference & History Room is located at Linton Military Camp, and is approximately 60m². The total spend for this work is not yet finalised, and no photos of the room are available. These parts of your request are therefore refused under section 18(e) of the OIA.

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