UNDER THE INQUIRIES ACT 2013

IN THE MATTER A GOVERNMENT INQUIRY INTO OPERATION BURNHAM

**AND RELATED MATTERS** 

Memorandum of New Zealand Defence Force providing a list requested in Inquiry Minute 6 of NZSAS members and associated personnel who participated in the operation relating to Objective Burnham on 21-22 August 2010

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In paragraph 12 of Minute No 6, the Inquiry ordered, under s 20 of the Inquiries

Act 2013, that the NZDF provide lists of all NZSAS members and associated

personnel who participated in the operations referred to in that paragraph. The

lists are to be accompanied by statutory declarations on behalf of the NZDF

verifying the information provided.

2. In its memorandum of 29 October 2018, the NZDF explained its practice of

protecting the identities and roles of NZSAS and associated personnel, including

in accordance with NZSAS Standard Operating Procedures. The NZDF submitted

that, if this practice was to be compromised, New Zealand's national interests

would be adversely affected and the safety of these individuals and their families

would be put at risk.

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3. In paragraph 13 of Minute No 6, the Inquiry has made an interim order forbidding

publication of the name or any other particulars of the NZSAS members or

associated personnel involved in the matters referred to in paragraph 12 that is

likely to lead to their identification.

In accordance with the Inquiry's orders in Minute No 6, NZDF is providing, with

this memorandum, two documents:

(a) A list of names and details of all NZSAS members and associated

personnel who participated in the operation relating to Objective

Burnham on 21-22 August 2010;

(b) A statutory declaration of Air Marshal Kevin Short, Chief of Defence

Force, verifying the list provided.

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