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Dear Mohammed Khan

I refer to your request of 3 May 2022, seeking, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

... all records regarding attendance of NZDF service members, civilian personnel, and contractors, at:

- 1. trade expos held in 'Israel', including for example 'ISDEF'*
- 2. training in 'Israel'.*

A substantial collation and research effort would be required to identify and gather all records within the scope of your request. Therefore, your request is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA. If you are able to refine your request, for example with respect to a particular capability, specific date range, and particular documents, your request will be reconsidered in that light.

For your information, however, there have been three instances of training being provided to New Zealand Defence Force personnel since 2015. These are listed below. Since travel restrictions were put in place in 2020 because of the global COVID-19 pandemic, there have been no NZDF personnel or staff travelling to Israel for trade expositions or training.

- Elta Systems Ltd. provided technical training to Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) personnel relating to the P-3K2 Orion avionics systems.
- Elbit Systems Ltd. provided technical training to RNZAF relating to the SH-2G (I) Seasprite avionics systems.
- Elbit Systems Ltd. provided training to support system upgrades for the Indirect Fire Prediction System, in conjunction with the NZ Army School of Artillery, and the use of software tools.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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Chief of Staff HQNZDF