



20 March 2024

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Tēnā koe Jorja

Thank you for your email of 23 January 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

I would like to request the following information under the Official Information Act 1982: Copies of any briefings, reports, memos, or aides-memoire that have been commissioned by the Minister in relation to the conflict in Gaza since 7 October 2023.

Copies of any briefings, reports, memos, or aides-memoire that have been provided to senior Ministry officials in relation to the conflict in Gaza since 7 October 2023.

Copies of any meeting agendas, minutes, or notes regarding meetings that have been attended by the Minister in relation to the conflict in Gaza since 7 October 2023, including Agency and Officials meetings.

Copies of any meeting agendas, minutes, or notes regarding meetings that have been attended by senior Ministry officials in relation to the conflict in Gaza since 7 October 2023, including Agency and Officials meetings.

For the purposes of processing this request, you can interpret senior Ministry officials to mean the Secretary and Deputy Secretaries.

On 5 February 2024, we transferred the following parts of your request to the Minister of Immigration's office:

Copies of any briefings, reports, memos, or aides-memoire that have been commissioned by the Minister in relation to the conflict in Gaza since 7 October 2023.

Copies of any meeting agendas, minutes, or notes regarding meetings that have been attended by the Minister in relation to the conflict in Gaza since 7 October 2023, including Agency and Officials meetings.

On 21 February 2024, we advised you that we had extended the period of time available to make a decision on your request to 13 March 2024.

Our Response

We are sorry for the delay in responding to your request and any inconvenience this may have caused.



We have identified seven documents in scope of your request, which are set out below, including our decision on each document. The three documents that are released with redactions can be found in the attached appendix.

No	Document Type	Date	Title	Decision
1	Agenda	13/10/2023	Cross-agency discussion with community representatives on Israel and Palestine	Withheld in full under sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6(d) • 9(2)(a) • 9(2)(ba) • 9(2)(g)(ii)
2	Minutes	19/10/2023	Israel/Hamas Conflict Watch Group #1 Minutes	Released with redactions under sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6(a) • 6(b)(i) • 9(2)(g)(i) • 9(2)(g)(ii)
3	Agenda	05/12/2023	Cross-agency discussion with community representatives on Israel and Palestine	Withheld in full under sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6(d) • 9(2)(a) • 9(2)(ba) • 9(2)(g)(ii)
4	Notes (email)	06/12/2023	Cross-agency discussion with community representatives on Israel and Palestine	Withheld in full under sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6(d) • 9(2)(a) • 9(2)(ba) • 9(2)(g)(ii)
5	Notes (email)	06/12/2023	Cross-agency discussion with community representatives on Israel and Palestine	Withheld in full under sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6(d) • 9(2)(a) • 9(2)(ba) • 9(2)(g)(ii)
6	Agenda	24/01/2024	Officials' Meeting Agenda	Released (redactions for out-of-scope material)
7	Agenda	19/02/2024	Officials' Meeting Agenda	Released (redactions for out-of-scope material)

In accordance with section 9(1) of the Act, I do not consider that the withholding of any information under section 9(2) is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

In the interests of accuracy, there is one correction to note at paragraph 11 on page 3 of the appendix. The Ministry for Ethnic Communities has advised that this paragraph should have read:

MEC's chief executive is preparing messaging for other public service chief executives....

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact inzoias@mbie.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Te Awhe'.

Debbie Te Awhe
Acting Associate Deputy Secretary Immigration
Immigration New Zealand
Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment