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Tēnā koe Katrina Tamaira

I refer to your email of 20 March 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'As of March 2024, does MFAT know:

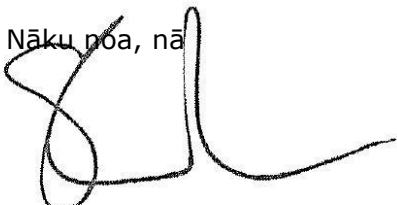
- If New Zealand citizens work within the Israeli Defense Forces.*
- If known, how many, or an estimate, New Zealand citizens are currently serving and on active duty.*
- If known, how many, or an estimate, New Zealand citizens are currently serving in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.*
- Does the Ministry know if New Zealand citizens have been engaged in activity in Gaza or the West Bank that many contravene the Genocide Convention, activity that was recently the subject of an International Court of Justice ruling brought by government of South Africa.'*

Your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry), and we have no reason to believe that the information is held by another department or public organisation subject to the OIA.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku nōa, nā



Sarah Corbett
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