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**B Mulholland**

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Dear Ms Mulholland

I refer to your email of 26 May 2015 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information regarding the status of New Zealand personnel serving as UN peacekeepers in Sudan. Specifically:

*I write to request information relating to a Status of Force Agreement between the United Nations and the NZDF for NZ troops sent to Sudan to work as peacekeepers under UNMIS.*

*In the absence of the existence of a Status of Forces Agreement, can I please have access to a Memorandum of Understanding or something similar.*

No Status of Forces Agreement or other arrangement has been made between the United Nations and New Zealand regarding peacekeeping in South Sudan. The United Nations has requested that New Zealand contribute to the mission in South Sudan, and New Zealand has agreed to such a contribution. The Status of Forces Agreement covering the mission between the United Nations and South Sudan is publically available online via a Google search using the search terms 'UNMISS SOFA – South Sudan'.

I trust this fully satisfies your request for official information.

Yours sincerely



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