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Tēnā koe Lance Lavery

Thank you for your email of 13 August 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *'All Written Communications: Please provide copies of all written communications, including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, and reports, between the New Zealand Government and the Government of Israel related to the conflict in Gaza since 7 October 2023.*
2. *Transcriptions of Verbal Communications: Please provide transcripts or written records of all verbal communications, such as telephone conversations, video calls, or in-person meetings, between representatives of the New Zealand Government and the Government of Israel related to the aforementioned conflict. This includes any minutes or summaries of such communications.*
3. *Briefing Documents and Advisories: Please include any briefing documents, advisories, or summaries provided to New Zealand Government officials regarding the conflict in Gaza and interactions with the Government of Israel.*
4. *Meeting Records: Provide details of any meetings between New Zealand Government officials and Israeli officials, including dates, attendees, minutes, and summaries of discussions.*
5. *Policy or Strategic Documents: Include any documents related to New Zealand's policy or strategic approach towards the Gaza conflict and interactions with Israel during this period.'*

On 14 August 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) contacted you to advise that as the Ministry alone engages with Israeli officials frequently as part of BAU operations both in Wellington and overseas, and that your request potentially captures information held by other agencies, your request would likely be refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. We asked if you could narrow the scope of your request.

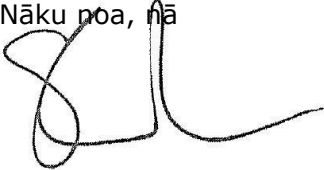
As to date we have not received a reply from you. Accordingly, the Ministry is refusing your request under section 18(f) of the OIA. Should you wish to submit a refined request, please contact [enquires@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:enquires@mfat.govt.nz)

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/](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sarah Corbett', written over the text 'Nāku noa, nā'.

Sarah Corbett  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade