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Cameron Pitches
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Dear Cameron Pitches

Thank you for your email of 22 October 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

“a list of meetings between yourself and the Israeli Ambassador to New Zealand, since October 2023. Please include the date and time of the meeting, the location of the meeting and a summary of what was discussed. I am aware that the most recent meeting recorded in your ministerial diary was eight months ago on 12 February 2024 at 4:00pm.”

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) has published a significant amount of information relating to the Israel-Hamas Conflict on its website. Specifically, you may wish to refer to the frequently asked questions section on the Ministry website, which details information on Diplomatic relations and community engagement:

<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/countries-and-regions/middle-east/israel-hamas-conflict>.

In scope of your request is one meeting with Ambassador of Israel, Ran Yaakoby, on 12 February 2024. Details of the meeting are publicly available on the Beehive website. Accordingly, your request is refused in full under section 18(d) of the OIA:

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/sites/default/files/202403/Proactive%20Diary%20Release%20February.pdf>.

Please note that this meeting was publicised on X (formerly known as Twitter), and the tweet included a short summary:

<https://x.com/NewZealandMFA/status/1756905148528681166>

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Winston Peters'.

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