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Tēnā koe John Wilson

Thank you for your email of 8 November 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I am writing to request, under the OIA, copies of any reports, memos, documents, briefings, communications, or other materials that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) has produced or received relating to Israeli attacks on hospitals and healthcare facilities in Northern Gaza since the beginning of October 2024.

If the quality of the information you must compile is prohibitive, please focus on substantive documents, memos, briefings, etc., particularly those provided to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

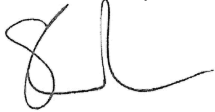
Documents produced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) have focused on the humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories as a whole, not specific to attacks on hospitals and healthcare facilities in Northern Gaza. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA because the information requested does not exist.

For your information, the Ministry regularly receives reports from the United Nations and Non-Governmental Organisations on the humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. These reports are publicly available and can be found here: reliefweb.int/

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 noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade