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Valerie Morse

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Dear Ms Morse

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST: ISRAELI COMPANIES

Thank you for your email of 4 July 2018, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act),

"...all information or communications you hold on Israeli weapons companies: Elbit Systems, Israel Aerospace Industries, Israel Military Industries Ltd, Israel Weapon Industries and RAFAEL for the period 2013-2018".

You had previously requested on 12 May 2018 all information or communications regarding these companies. On 7 June, we wrote to you suggesting you narrow the scope of your request due to the unspecified timeframe. On 12 June you replied advising you were seeking all information for the period of 2008 to 2018. We declined your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested could not be made available without substantial collation or research.

In assessing your current request, the Ministry has determined that, in order to provide the information, a large number of files will need to be searched and a significant amount of information will need to be considered and collated.

Therefore, I am extending the time for providing this information to 30 working days, to Wednesday, 12 September 2018.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this extension.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. Quilter', with a large circular flourish.

Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence