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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 were previously advised on 12 September 2018 that the Ministry of Defence was seeking approval to release the documents in the scope of your request that contained proprietary information. I advised you that the Ministry was seeking approval to release these to you, noting that this might not be forthcoming.

We have not received written consent from Elbit Systems, Israel Aerospace Industries, and RAFAEL to release this information. As a result, I am withholding this information under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act as the making available of this information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it or is the subject of the information.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. Quilter'.

Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence