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Dear Simon Ewing-Jarvie

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 request of 24 July 2018 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Part of your request was transferred to my office on 7 August 2018 and seeks the following under the Act:

“...a copy of the Cabinet Paper presented at the same meeting relating to the extension of mandate for New Zealand Defence Force personnel deployed as part of the Multinational Force and Observers in Sinai, Egypt.”

Matters related to the Sinai deployment will be considered again by Cabinet in the near future. The Cabinet paper specified in your request includes official advice that will inform this consideration. Accordingly, this paper is withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act in order to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and Officials.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Winston Peters', written over a light blue circular watermark.

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Minister of Foreign Affairs