

Hon Ron Mark

Minister of Defence
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Samuel Mellor
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Dear Mr Mellor,

Thank you for your email of 17 September 2018 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in which you requested the Cabinet Papers pertaining to five overseas military deployments under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your request was transferred to me as it falls within my portfolio.

These Cabinet Papers will be proactively released over the coming weeks on the Ministry of Defence website. This process is expected to be completed by December. As a result, I am declining your request under section 18(d) of the Act.

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 'B McLachlan'.

Ben McLachlan
Senior Ministerial Advisor