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**Karl Pearce**

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Dear Mr Pearce

I refer to your request of 18 October 2018, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following:

*I am asking if the NZDF has knowledge and/or received information including email correspondence, of any Saudi Nationals, and Saudi based companies, holding a Saudi Arabian Passport, attending, whether as a seller, stall holder, purchaser or attendant of the New Zealand Defence Industry Forum being held in Palmerston North on and between the dates of 29th, 30th, 31st October and 1st November 2018.*

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) is not aware of the attendance of any Saudi nationals or Saudi-based companies at the New Zealand Defence Industry Forum for 2018, nor has the NZDF received any correspondence which would indicate the attendance of any Saudi nationals or companies based in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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