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Karl Pearce
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Dear Mr Pearce

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 18 October 2018, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), if the Ministry of Defence 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...”

This information is not held by the Ministry of Defence. As a result, I am declining your request under section 18(e) of the Act.

The Defence Industry Forum is organised by the New Zealand Defence Industry Association. You may wish to direct your question to them. You can contact them through their email address: contact@nzdia.co.nz

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 read 'H. Quilter'.

Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence