

Hon Ron Mark

Minister of Defence
Minister for Veterans



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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), as follows:

I am asking if hon. Ron Mark or his office 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.

Neither the Minister of Defence, nor his office, have received any information or advice relevant to your request. I note you have made this same request to the Ministry of Defence, New Zealand Defence Force and Palmerston North City Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben McLachlan'.

Ben McLachlan
Senior Ministerial Advisor