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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 13 March 2024 to Hon Judith Collins KC MP requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

Please provide copies of any communications, advice or meeting records, commissioned or received by the Minister and their office/Ministry officials between October 2023 and 13 March 2024 on:

- *how to handle the increased number of people reaching out on social media to ask defunding UNRWA, NZDF in the Middle East, Yemen or Palestine, or discussing blocking those accounts*

On the 27 March 2024 your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the OIA.

The NZDF has not provided the Minister of Defence written or verbal advice on the management of comments across NZDF social media channels. For your information, however, the NZDF social media community guidelines are publicly available on the NZDF website.¹ If these guidelines have been breached, the team that manages the NZDF social media channels will remove the comment or block the account.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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¹ <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdf/social-media-hub/>