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4 August 2025

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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 30 July 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), requesting:

Under the Official Information Act, please advise when NZDF were first informed of Mr Patel's visit.

Please provide any correspondence NZDF sent to any Minister or other government agency about Mr Patel's visit. Please provide any correspondence NZDF received from any Minister or other government agency about Mr Patel's visit.

Please provide any internal correspondence between NZDF staff about Mr Patel's visit.

The above requests include, but are not limited to, emails, briefings, aids memoir, memos, Teams messages, WhatsApp messages, text messages, and Signal messages. This also includes information that was communicated verbally.

Your request is declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA, as the New Zealand Defence Force does not hold this information.

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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