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Dear Valerie Morse

I refer to your email of 9 December 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *all information related to the deployment of NZDF Liaison officer to Israel*. This request was subsequently refined on 20 January 2026 to:

all briefings and/or Cabinet submissions regarding the NZDF liaison officer deployment to Israel including the extension of that deployment.

There are three briefings within scope of your refined request. Two are currently being prepared for proactive release by the Ministry of Defence on their website, and as far as your request relates to these briefings it is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(d) of the OIA. The third is currently under consideration by the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and it is therefore withheld in full for the time being in accordance with section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.

Once the responsible Ministers have made their decision, the third briefing will also be made public by the Ministry of Defence on their website.

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.

Yours sincerely

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