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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 2 June 2026 to the Ministry of Defence requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

...all and any documents regarding the appointing of, and the records for the Liason Officer deployed to Israel.

I would like to know what capacity this officer works in.

I would like to know what the intention is

I would like to know of any and all reports sent back to the government regarding the ongoing peace plan that the minister has mentioned for Gaza.

Has this officer worked with Gaza officials as well as Israeli officials

I would also like to know how this is being implemented by New Zealand Government.

The Ministry of Defence transferred your request to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) on 12 June 2026 under the OIA.

Information on the appointment and responsibilities of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Liason Officer to the Civilian Military Coordination Centre is provided in briefings to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Defence. Copies of these are publicly available on the Ministry of Defence website¹. This deployment concluded on 2 February 2026.

Information on reporting provided by the Liaison Officer is publicly available on the NZDF website in response to another request².

In accordance with section 28(3) of the OIA, you may ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information regarding the process 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.defence.govt.nz/assets/publications/NZDF-Liaison-Officer-to-CMCC.pdf>

² <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/assets/Uploads/DocumentLibrary/OIA-2025-5624-Gaza-correspondence.pdf>