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Dear [redacted]

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

1. *Number of approved requests from regular and reserve members of the NZDF seeking to travel to Israel outside of deployment since October 7, 2023, and*
2. *The reasons provided for such international travel to Israel since October 7, 2023.*

The New Zealand Defence Force has received six overseas travel notifications for members indicating an intention to travel to Israel from 7 October 2023 to the date of your request. Overseas travel notifications only record an individual's declared intention to travel and do not confirm that travel subsequently occurred.

The reasons for travel indicated in the notifications included:

- Study (1)
- Tourism (3)
- Visiting friends/family (2)

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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