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Tēnā koe Regan Gibbons

I refer to your email of 27 April 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*Under the Official Information Act 1982, I request all advice provided by MFAT to the Minister of Foreign Affairs regarding the status of the two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict.*

On 1 May 2023, you clarified that your request to be for:

*Any advice provided to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by MFAT recommending or exploring changes to New Zealand's official position in support of a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict.*

We note that no timeframe was put on this request for information, so we have interpreted your request to be for advice provided to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in the last five years.

One document has been found in scope of your request. This document, including its title, is withheld in full under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government; and
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, we have identified no public interest in releasing the information that would override the reasons for withholding it. Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) on the Ministry's website.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Sarah Corbett  
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