

Office of Rt Hon Winston Peters

Deputy Prime Minister

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister for Racing



8 March 2024

Andrew Riddell

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Dear Andrew Riddell,

I am writing concerning your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 29 February 2024. The request was for:

Please provide all copies of all assessments, reports, cabinet papers, emails, phone and meeting records and all other documentation since October 7 2023 relating to the very recent decision to extend the 'terrorist' designation to the social services part of the Palestinian organisation commonly known as Hamas.

This letter is to advise that responding to your request as currently framed would require review of a significant amount of information to locate information potentially in scope, and further still capture a large volume of information once reviewed. As such, it is likely that your request will be refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as it would require substantial collation and research.

Accordingly, I am seeking your agreement to refine your request to be for:

Formal advice (including briefings and cabinet papers) received by Minister of Foreign Affairs Rt Hon Winston Peters since 7 October 2023 relating to the very recent decision to extend the 'terrorist' designation to the social services part of the Palestinian organisation commonly known as Hamas.

Please note, it is likely that we will need to withhold information from documents in scope of your request.

Please confirm if you are happy to proceed with the refined request, by **5.00 pm Friday 15 March 2024**. If we do not hear from you, we will proceed with your original request.

In the meantime, you may wish to refer to the following links which contain information that may answer part of your request. If you have found that you have found part of the information you have requested, please do let us know in your response to this email so we can exclude this from your OIA reply:

- [NZ designates entirety of Hamas as terrorist entity | Beehive.govt.nz](#)
- [Designated terrorist entities | New Zealand Police](#)
- [The legal framework and process for terrorist designations | New Zealand Police](#)
- [Israel-Hamas Conflict | New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(mfat.govt.nz\)](#)

Please note, any clarification or amendment of a request is considered to be a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for response (section 15(1AA) of the OIA refers).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,



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Private Secretary (Advisory/Media)