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KW53

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Dear KW53

RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 2 March 2024, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *I am seeking any and all details on any form of military aid given to the Israeli government in the past 5 years by the NZ government.*
- *This includes but is not limited to;*
 - *Weapons*
 - *Aid*
 - *Financial aid*
 - *Personnel*
 - *Advice*

The New Zealand government has not provided any form of military aid to the Israeli government in the past five years. Your request is therefore declined under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

New Zealand does however contribute to two missions in which New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel interact with the Israeli Defence Force: Multinational Force and Observers and the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation. In both missions, NZDF personnel support the observation and monitoring of peace between Israel and its bordering neighbours. As part of these missions, our personnel serve as neutral arbiters of peace treaties and do not in any capacity provide aid to Israel or any other nation.

More information on current New Zealand Defence Force deployments in the Middle East region can be found on the Ministry of Defence's website at <https://defence.govt.nz/what-we-do/diplomacy-and-deployments/deployment-map>.

Further information regarding the government's response to the ongoing conflict in Gaza will soon be available at <https://defence.govt.nz/publications>.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely



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