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Tēnā koe Ali Anwar

I refer to your email of 12 June in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*In 2005, after the exposure of zionist operations to steal identities of New Zealand and Australian citizens to use in zionist assassination operations, the zionist consul to Australia, Amir Laty, was expelled.*

*The zionist entity attempted to replace him with an Arie Scher, who had previously fled from Brazil after he came under investigation by Brazilian Federal Police for organizing 'sex parties' where underage Brazilian children were fed drugs and preyed on by 'Israeli' tourists.*

*Given the connection between the zionist crimes against both Australia and New Zealand at this point of time, I am seeking all MFAT communications, including emails internally within MFAT and with the Australian government, between 1 January 2004, and 31 December 2006, regarding either 'Arie Scher' or 'Aryeh Scher', the two most common transliterations of his name.*

On 11 July 2022 we contacted you to advise you of a time extension to respond to your request of a further 20 working days, to 8 August 2022. Your request involved searching and reviewing a large quantity of information, and meeting the original time limit of your request would have unreasonably interfered with the operations of the Ministry.

We have now completed a thorough search and review of archived electronic emails and hardcopy material. We have been unable to locate any documents in scope of your request. As such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) and enclosed documents 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



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