

# Hon Nanaia Mahuta

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Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister of Local Government

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23 June 2022

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Tēnā koe Andrew Li

Thank you for your email of 23 April 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*On 0855 Friday, a disgusting message was publicly posted on Twitter by the official MFATNZ Twitter account, suggesting that Palestinian victims were to blame for the repeated terrorist attacks by the Zionist entity on the al-Aqsa Mosque, and that Palestinians were somehow morally obliged to refrain from responding against terror attacks launched by Zionist invaders on the third holiest site in Islam and the Gaza concentration camp.*

*<https://twitter.com/MFATNZ/status/1517245771367673856>*

*I am requesting:*

- 1) All internal notes and communications made by Ms Mahuta and her office with MFAT and other individuals and organizations which related to the production of this message.*
- 2) All internal notes and communications made by Ms Mahuta and her office with MFAT and other individuals and organizations which relate to the ongoing Zionist terrorist attacks on the Al Aqsa mosque and Gaza, which have escalated with the particularly disgusting April 15 attack on the mosque.*

On 12 May 2022, the deadline to provide a decision on your request was extended to 23 June 2022.

A decision has been made on your request, and you can expect to receive the information in a response letter within the next 5 working days.

Some portions of the response will be withheld 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;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments; and
- 9(2)(g)(ii): to protect officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. C. Mahuta', written in a cursive style.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
**Minita Take Aorere / Minister of Foreign Affairs**