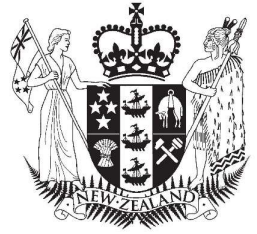


Rt Hon Winston Peters

Deputy Prime Minister

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister for Racing



29 January 2024

Ms Anderson

fyi-request-25119-db740118@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Anderson

Thank you for your email of 10 December 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

... the number of emails, physical mail and phone calls (both that have been noted in any registry and to the best of your staff's recollections), that you or your office have received since you were sworn into your role as Minister of Foreign Affairs:

- inquiring what action you will take to end the genocide/violence in Gaza.*
- asking that you publicly condemn the genocide/violence in Gaza.*
- seeking a ceasefire in Gaza.*
- asking for Israeli diplomatic officials to be expelled from Aotearoa/New Zealand and/or for diplomatic relations with Israel to be cut.*
- any other correspondence that is in favour of ending the genocide, ethnic cleansing or apartheid state in Palestine (i.e. Gaza and the West Bank).*

Since receiving my Ministerial Warrant on 27 November 2023 to the date of your request, my office has received 130 pieces of correspondence in scope of your request. This includes both emails and physical mail.

Please note that my office does not keep a registry of incoming calls, but I can advise that I have received a number of calls on this subject within the timeframes of your request. Consequently, your request, in so far as it relates to this information, is refused under section 18(e) as the information requested does not exist.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Winston Peters'.

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Minister of Foreign Affairs