

Office of Rt Hon Winston Peters

Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Minister for Racing



8 March 2024

Ms Anderson
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Dear Ms Anderson,

Thank you for your email of 3 February 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

all correspondence that you or your office has received in your capacity as Minister of Defence from the date of my last request (10 December 2023) to today, 3 February 2024 (correspondence meaning any emails and physical mail), relating to the below subjects. Please provide separate numbers for correspondence in support of Palestine vs those that are in support of Israel.

Subjects of interest:

- *Gaza*
- *Palestine*
- *Israel's actions towards Gaza/Palestine*
- *Operations in the Red Sea, or against Yemeni Houthi rebels.*

Regarding phone calls received by the Minister's office, is there a process by which concerns relating to the Minister's portfolios are relayed to him? If there is, can you please describe this?

On 9 February 2024, you clarified your request to be addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The due date for our response to your OIA request was reset to 8 March 2024 (section 15(1AA) of the OIA refers).

We will need to extend the time limit for responding to you by 20 working days, to 9 April 2024. This is because responding to your request still necessitates review of a large quantity of information, and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Ministry (section 15A(1)(a) of the OIA refers).

However, if this process is completed before 9 April 2024, the response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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, appearing to read 'Jamie Allen'.

Jamie Allen
Private Secretary (Advisory/Media)