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Dear Mr Harris

I refer to your email of 15 April 2015 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), details of the New Zealand Defence Force's public relations plans with regards to Iraq. In your request, you asked the following:

1. *Does the NZDF have a PR plan for the event that there are NZDF casualties in Iraq? If so, I'd like a copy.*
2. *Does the NZDF have a PR plan for the event that NZDF personnel are implicated in the deaths of iraqi civilians? Again, if so, I would like a copy.*

I must decline to meet your request under section 18(e) of the OIA. The New Zealand Defence Force does not have a public relations plan for either of these hypothetical situations.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely



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