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Tēnā koe Andrew Li

Thank you for your email of 12 August 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- '1) All internal notes and communications internally within MFAT and with Peters which related to the production of this disgusting message.
- 2) All internal notes and communications internally within MFAT and with Peters which relate to the attack on Majdal Shams.'

The information relevant to both parts of your request is attached. We have withheld some information 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; and,
- 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.

New Zealand's response to the conflict in general, including the most recent statements, can be found on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) website:

<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/countries-and-regions/middle-east/israel-hamas-conflict>.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: [www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/)

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Nāku noa, nā

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