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Tēnā koe Andrew Li

Thank you for your email of 27 September 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- '1) Whatever final report or guidance Peters signed off on to spend NZ taxpayer money via less efficient agencies less expert in helping the victims of zionism.*
- 2) The terms of reference/brief and any feedback provided to those who prepared the proposed decision.'*

To address urgent humanitarian needs, New Zealand has announced 5 tranches of support to the humanitarian response to the Israel-Hamas conflict, totalling NZ\$22 million. You can find the approved ministerial submissions relating to tranches 1 through 3 on the Israel-Hamas Conflict page of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (the Ministry) website: [www.mfat.govt.nz/en/countries-and-regions/middle-east/israel-hamas-conflict](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/countries-and-regions/middle-east/israel-hamas-conflict).

The ministerial submissions covering humanitarian support tranches 4 and 5 will shortly be proactively released on the Ministry's website. Accordingly, the first part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is, or will soon be, publicly available.

We have interpreted your request to be 'terms of reference/briefing', or feedback provided by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in relation to the 2 February 2024 announcement on funding for the humanitarian response to the Israel-Hamas Conflict. This funding submission is available on the Ministry's website at the link provided above. Other than the Minister's approval, no other terms of reference/brief or feedback was provided. Accordingly, the second part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

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/)

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz).

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, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written over a vertical line.

Sarah Corbett  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade