

# Rt Hon Winston Peters

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Dear Thomas Harvey

Thank you for your email of 23 October 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*“Dear Winston Peters, This is a request for all information you hold as Minister of Foreign Affairs regarding killer robots.”*

On 21 November 2024, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 20 working days due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request (section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

The following documents are in scope of part of your request:

1. Disarmament and arms control – key challenges and strategy, dated 11 March 2024.
2. United Nations General Assembly 2024: First Committee on Disarmament and International Security, dated 30/09/2024
3. Responsible military use of artificial intelligence – recommendations for multilateral initiatives and related work, dated 2/02/2024
4. New Zealand's approach to three upcoming conventional weapons meetings, dated 15/08/2024; and
5. Disarmament and arms control issues: Overview, dated 20/02/2024.

Some information is withheld 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;
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials; and,
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

Where the information has been withheld under Section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Winston Peters', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
**Minister of Foreign Affairs**