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Dear Ms Morse

## RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 18 August 2015, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), advice or assistance about overseas contracts that Ministry of Defence Industry Relationship Staff have provided to New Zealand companies in the past financial year.

Under the government's Rules of Sourcing, the Ministry ensures that any overseas respondents to the Ministry's Requests for Information provide points of contact. This ensures New Zealand companies have an opportunity to participate in contracts for defence capability, by being able to engage directly with those respondents to develop relationships and promote their capabilities and products.

Beyond this, the Ministry does not provide advice or assistance to New Zealand companies about overseas contacts.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helene Quilter'.

Helene Quilter  
**Secretary of Defence**