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Tēnā koe Jonpaul Cohen

Thank you for your email of 15 March 2026 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I am asking to know what records can be shared on communication between the Sixth Labour Government and the Islamic Republic of Iran & its embassies on the topic of Israel &/or Palestine. Does the Ministry have access to party-specific correspondence (ie, Te Pāti Māori and the Iranian ambassador)? Ideally, correspondence could be categorised by political parties involved."

Your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information 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/

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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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade