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Ref: OIA-2025/26-0721

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Tēnā koe R.D.B

Official Information Act request relating to Jewish organisations

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 22 May 2026. This is a follow up request to OIA-2025/26-0686. You requested:

I find it concerning that SIS / GCSB would say that, given tracking foreign interference and espionage is one of the core functions, I would like to give the good people at SIS another opportunity to contribute to this request.

In any case let's focus on NZ Friends of Israel, Zionist Federation of New Zealand, NZ Jewish Council for the groups, also include anyone individual(s) with an Israeli dual citizenship, any person with an affiliation to the IDF or affiliate groups, and any person(s) that has accepted a trip to Israel on behalf of any charitable organization and is in a lobbying position.

On 2 June 2026 your request was clarified and refined to the following:

Any advice or correspondence held by DPMC, for the period 27 November 2025 to 11 May 2026, that is from or about:

- [1]. NZ Friends of Israel Association Inc (NZFOI);*
- [2]. Zionist Federation of New Zealand (ZFNZ);*
- [3]. New Zealand Jewish Council (NZJC);*
- [4]. individuals holding an Israeli dual citizenship; and/or*
- [5]. any person with an affiliation to the Israeli Defence Force (IDF).*

We also advised you that if you are seeking material that you believe may be held by the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service and/or the Government Communications Security Bureau, to make your request to these agencies directly.

As per your clarified request, this response covers information held by DPMC.

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 14 working days because consultations were needed before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

Searches have been completed of our Information Management Systems for any advice or correspondence that is held by DPMC and relevant to the five groups identified as above.

Decision on your request

Parts [1], [2] and [4] of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as no documentation held by DPMC exists.

In relation to parts [3] and [5] of your request, searches were completed by using the names of the two groups you have listed, and we received over 300 results. To identify any advice or correspondence that meets part [3] and [5] of your request would involve the manual checking of each result to determine whether it is in fact in scope of your request or not.

Taking into account the amount of information that would need to be assessed for relevance and the resources available to undertake that work, I believe to answer parts [3] and [5] of your request would involve substantial collation and research. Accordingly, I am refusing these parts of your request under section 18(f) of the Act.

In reaching this decision, I first considered the factors contained in sections 18A(1) and 18B of the Act. However, I did not consider that taking any of these steps of charging you for the information, extending the time limits or consulting further with you, would allow the request to be answered.

A further search was completed using the search term '@newzealandjewishcouncils.org.nz' and I have decided to release the two email trails identified as listed below, subject to information being withheld as noted.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	1 September 2025	FW: CSG Report - Analysis of Antisemitism in New Zealand (7 Oct 2023 - 7 Oct 2024) - Confidential Release to NZ Government & Agencies	Release in part
2	16 April 2026	NZJC Annual Report on Antisemitism in New Zealand in 2025	Release in part, some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(ii)

The relevant grounds under which information has been withheld are:

- s9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals
- s9(2)(g)(ii), to prevent improper pressure or harassment.

Some information is not in scope of your request and is marked accordingly.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the DPMC website.

Nāku noa, nā

Jeremy Clarke-Watson
Deputy Chief Executive
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