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Minister of Foreign Affairs  
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Stephanie Mudgeway  
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Dear Stephanie Mudgeway

We refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 1 May 2026 for information relating to US led military action against Iran:

*"I request the following under the OIA:*

- 1. Copies of all advice, briefings, or memoranda provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to the Minister of Foreign Affairs between 28 February 2026 and the date of this request regarding New Zealand's public position on the US-led airstrikes against Iran, including any advice on the consistency of that military action with international law United Nations Charter.*
- 2. I also request copies of any communications between the Minister's office and the office of the Prime Minister during the same period regarding New Zealand's public position on the US-led military action against Iran.*
- 3. Copies of any communication received by the Minister or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade from the United States Government or the United States embassy in New Zealand, between 28 February 2026 and the date of this request, requesting or proposing that New Zealand participate in a US-led coalition to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.*
- 4. I also request any advice provided to the Minister during the same period on New Zealand's potential participation in such a coalition, including any assessment of the legal basis for military action and any risks identified."*

We have transferred part of your request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Part of the information to which your request relates, namely part 3, Copies of any communication received by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade from the United States Government or the United States embassy in New Zealand, between 28 February 2026 and the date of this request, requesting or proposing that New Zealand participate in a US-led coalition to reopen the Strait of Hormuz is believed to be more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA refers)].

In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the Official Information Act to transfer your request.

You will hear further from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade concerning that part of your request.

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 'J Burgess', written in a cursive style.

Jackson Burgess  
**Private Secretary (Advisory/Media)**