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Tēnā koe Stephanie,

**Official Information Act request relating to Communications with the Minister of Foreign Affairs relating to the conflict in Iran**

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 1 May 2026. You requested:

*"[...] Copies of all communications, including emails, text messages, and written memoranda, between the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (including staff in the Prime Minister's office) and the office of 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 military action against Iran.*

*This includes any communications in which a preferred position on the airstrikes was conveyed or discussed on behalf of the Prime Minister."*

I believe the information you have requested is more closely connected to the functions of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rt Hon Winston Peters. Accordingly, I have decided to transfer your request to him under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

As it is already outside of the ten working-day timeframe for transferring a request, I have extended the time available under section 15A of the Act. This extension is required because of the consultation needed to make a decision on your request.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Nākū noa, nā,

Jenna Hansen  
**Manager, Accountability and Ministerial Services**