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Dear Stephanie Mudgeway

Thank you for your email of 22 June 2026 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

For the period 1 April 2026 to the date this request is received [22 June], all advice provided to you and your office — including briefings, aide-mémoire, memoranda, reports, talking points, email advice and draft responses — by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade or any other official or agency, relating to:

- 1- *The allegations made by Hāhona Ormsby that he was assaulted and injured while detained by Israeli authorities following the interception of the Global Sumud Flotilla;*
- 2- *Medical records or medical assessments of Mr Ormsby (or other New Zealand flotilla participants) understood to be held in Türkiye, including any advice on whether MFAT could or should seek those records through diplomatic channels; and*
- 3- *Any briefing prepared for, or in anticipation of, your appearance before the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, to the extent it concerns the above matters or your characterisation of the allegations.*

Response to your request

The information in scope of part one of your request is attached. Some information is withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy; and
- 9(2)(g)(ii): to protect officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Part two of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information requested is publicly available via the responses to Written Parliamentary Questions 29599 and 29600 (2026):

- 29599 - https://questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ_29599_2026?lang=en
- 29600 - https://questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ_29600_2026?lang=en

Regarding part three of your request. The document titled, *Estimates Hearing 2026/27 – Briefing Prepared for the Minister of Foreign Affairs* contains a single reference to the Sumud Gaza Flotilla, which is provided below in accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the OIA:

- ***Sumud Gaza Flotilla May 2026:*** *New Zealand made it clear to Israel that Minister Ben-Gvir's degrading treatment of the three New Zealanders participating in the Gaza Flotilla was unacceptable and in breach of Israel's international legal obligations.*

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Winston Peters". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Winston" and the last name "Peters" clearly distinguishable.

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