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Dear Laura Lavinia Drew

I refer to your email of 1 July 2017 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"...All briefings or advice regarding the restoration of diplomatic ties between the colonial states of Israel and New Zealand; All communications regarding the restoration of diplomatic ties between the colonial states of Israel and New Zealand..."

On 28 July 2017 the timeframe for responding to your request was extended to 1 September 2017.

Attached are the documents relevant to your request, which we have interpreted to mean briefings, advice to and communications to and from government Ministers. Some portions of the documents, or in some cases whole documents, are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(b) and 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information to the New Zealand Government on a confidential basis, from the Government of another country;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy; and
- 18(d): because the information is publicly available.

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

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Joana Johnston
for Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

From: BARNARD, Adriaan (SEL)
Sent: Wednesday, 28 December 2016 6:55 p.m.
To:LAURENSEN, Amy (Inet)
Cc: CORRY, Bede (DCE); DUNCAN, Lucy (MEX); LANGLEY, Jeff (DS EMA); CAVANAGH, Bernadette (DS MLG); HORNE, Stuart (MEA); SIMPSON, Anthony (EUR); HAWKINS, Matthew (MEA); VAN BOHEMEN, Gerard (NYK); SCHWALGER, Carolyn (PCA); STEELE, Ben (AMER); CURR, Jonathan (ANK); LANE, Pierce (ANK); WALBRIDGE, Nicholas (UNHC);REID, Anna (Inet);ROBERTS, Justine (Inet)
Subject: MEPP - Update note for PM
Attachments: Middle East Peace Process PM Note December 2016.docx

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**Middle East Peace Process and the Security Council
Briefing Note: 28 December 2016**

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From: HORNE, Stuart (MEA)
Sent: Wednesday, 22 February 2017 12:17 p.m.
To: s9(2)(a)
Cc: TALBOT, Mark (AUS); DAWSON, Rosalind (MEA); LANGLEY, Jeff (DS EMA); MEDIA; HASSAN-SHARP, Angela (UNHC); WALBRIDGE, Nicholas (UNHC);LAURENSEN, Amy (Inet); KING, Ben (BKK)
Subject: Israel relationship - key messages for PM
Attachments: Israel Relationship_updated.docx; Turnbull op ed.pdf

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Public Messaging

The outcomes of the Trump/Netanyahu meeting (15 Feb) and the Netanyahu/Turnbull meeting (22 Feb) are likely to generate some domestic media interest about the status of our relationship with Israel. s6(a)

- Our ongoing commitment to a positive and constructive relationship with Israel;
- New Zealand's support for direct negotiations between the parties to establish a two-state solution
- The essential leadership role that the US plays in the peace process.

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Proposed Ministerial Talking Points

Depth and strength of relationship

- Israel and New Zealand have long been friends – and we remain committed to a positive and constructive relationship.
- New Zealand is fundamentally committed to the right of Israel and the Israeli people to live peacefully and safely within secure borders. Thousands of New Zealand peacekeepers have served on Israel's borders for more than 60 years to protect this right.

Looking forward

- We look forward to working together to strengthen the broad economic, cultural and people to people links which exist between our two countries.

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From: HORNE, Stuart (MEA)
Sent: Monday, 20 March 2017 10:31 a.m.
To:DUNN, Pam (Inet)
Cc:REID, Anna (Inet);ROBERTS, Justine (Inet); s9(2)(a) ; DAWSON, Rosalind (MEA); LANGLEY, Jeff (DS EMA); ECKMAN, Ben (CEO Office)
Subject: RE: Israel/NZ Relations

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16 The Council's adoption of Resolution 2334 was not without criticism and has impacted on our relationship with Israel. New Zealand wants a constructive relationship with Israel and we will work on it.

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From: HORNE, Stuart (MEA)
Sent: Monday, 1 May 2017 2:43 p.m.
To: ...DUNN, Pam (Inet)
Cc: ECKMAN, Ben (CEO Office); BURNETT, Kevin (CEO Office); CORRY, Bede (DCE);
LANGLEY, Jeff (DS EMA); ...s9(2)(a) ; HAWKINS, Matthew (MEA);
DAWSON, Rosalind (MEA)
Subject: Israel Relationship - draft letter and briefing
Attachments: Briefing to Minister Brownlee - Israel relationship MEA comments 30 April.docx;
Draft letter to PM Netanyahu from Minister Brownlee May 2017.docx

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New Zealand/Israel relationship: Next steps

A process is underway to manage differences with Israel over United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334. This paper explains the background and next steps.

How did we get to this position?

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Israel's reaction

9 After the resolution was passed, Israel's Ambassador to New Zealand was told to return to Israel for consultations. s6(a)

What steps have we already taken?

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What is next?

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What is the role for the Minister of Foreign Affairs?

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Minister of Foreign Affairs

For action by

12 May 2017

Weekly report — 5 May 2017

BRIEFING General purpose

PURPOSE This report updates the Minister on current and emerging issues, briefs and Cabinet papers, and forthcoming official overseas travel, events and visits.

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New Zealand-Israel relationship

13. Israeli Media is reporting that your letter to PM Netanyahu has been well-received by the Israeli Foreign Ministry. The proposed next step in our relationship re-set is a phone conversation between s6(a)

We are awaiting timing for the call from the Israeli Foreign Ministry, but expect it to take place in coming weeks, subject to PM Netanyahu's views.

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Middle East Peace Process

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Background

Resolution 2334 and Israel relationship

Israel reacted negatively to New Zealand's co-sponsorship of UN Resolution 2334. We have been working to re-set our relationship with Israel s6(b)(i)

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From: s9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 2 June 2017 10:32 p.m.
To: HORNE, Stuart (MEA)
Cc: ...DUNN, Pam (Inet); LANGLEY, Jeff (DS EMA); BARRINGTON, Brook (CEO); CORRY, Bede (DCE); DAWSON, Rosalind (MEA); CURR, Jonathan (ANK); HAWKINS, Matthew (MEA)
Subject: RE: URGENT: Israel: proposal for PM-PM phone call

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