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Dear Ms Morse

EXTENSION TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 12 May 2018, in which you requested under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) all information or communications the Ministry of Defence holds on Israeli weapons companies.

As currently described, the scope of your request, in particular for “*all information or communications you hold on Israeli weapons companies*” over an unspecified timeframe could encompass a very large body of information and there is a risk we may have to decline your request under section 18(f) of the Act – as the information requested could not be made available without substantial collation and research.

As such, we suggest that you narrow the scope of your request. We suggest it may be most relevant to focus the time period of the information requested to information and communications from the past five years.

In order to provide this information, it will be necessary to undertake further consultation. If you are comfortable with this approach, we expect to have a response to you in 10 working days, to Tuesday, 19 June 2018.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this extension.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Quilter', with a large circular flourish.

Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence