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Valerie Morse
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Dear Ms Morse

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST: ISRAELI COMPANIES

Thank you for your request of 12 May 2018, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), for the following information:

“all information or communications [held by the Ministry of Defence] on Israeli weapons companies: Elbit Systems, Israel Aerospace Industries, Israel Military Industries Ltd, Israel Weapon Industries and RAFAEL”.

Our response

On 7 June, we wrote to you suggesting that you narrow the scope of your request due to the unspecified timeframe. We suggested focusing the time period of the information requested to information and communications from the past five years. We also advised that the request as it stood could encompass a large body of information, and there was a risk we could decline your request:

On 12 June, you replied advising you were seeking information for the period of 2008 – 2018. The information you have requested covers a ten year timeframe and would require searching through a large body of information. Therefore, we have decided to decline your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

Publicly available information

The Ministry of Defence along with the New Zealand Defence Force and the Office of the Auditor General report yearly on the purchase of new Defence equipment authorised by the Government. This is done through the Major Projects reports, copies of which can be found at the Ministry's website <https://www.defence.govt.nz/publications>. These reports provide information on contracts awarded, including some information on the companies you mention.

Review of decision

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. Information on how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this with us, please email MODMinisterialServices@defence.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'H' and 'Q' followed by a horizontal line.

Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence