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Simon Ewing-Jarvie

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Dear Mr Ewing-Jarvie

I refer to your request of 21 May 2018, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following:

What Middle East operations were successfully completed in 2017/18 relating to NZDF's support, through the provision of training, security, engineering, and supervision, for United Nations and Multi-national force operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and across the Middle East? I refer to the "Reasons for Change in Appropriation" provided on Page 35 of Vote Defence Force in the Estimates of Appropriations 2018/2019 which provides this as the reason for decreased funding of \$18.176 million under the Departmental Output Expense "Military Operations in Support of a Rules-Based International"

The decrease in funding reported on page 35 of Vote Defence Force in the Estimates of Appropriations 2018/19 of \$18.176 million was due to the projected expiry dates of the Mandates in the Middle East as at the time of the budget as tabled below. Should Government decide to renew any or all of these mandates, then Cabinet will consider the allocation of funding for these missions as and when it would be required.

Operation Name	Country	Mandate Expiry
Afghanistan National Army Office Academy	Afghanistan	30 June 2018
Multinational Force Observers	Sinai	31 July 2018
United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation	Multi-national	30 September 2018
Building Partner Capability	Multi-national	30 November 2018

You have the right to complain to an Ombudsman about my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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