

Rt Hon Winston Peters



Deputy Prime Minister

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control

Minister for State Owned Enterprises

Minister for Racing

29 AUG 2018

Dear Neil Scott

This letter concerns your Official Information Act (the Act) request, received 1 August 2018, requesting:

“A list of dates and times of all meetings/communications (excluding content) between yourself and the following People/Organisations:

- *Israel Institute of New Zealand (IINZ)*
- *New Zealand Friends of Israel (NZ FOI)*
- *Zionist Federation of New Zealand*
- *Embassy of Israel in New Zealand*
- *David Cumin (IINZ spokesperson)*
- *Bob Berg (President of NZ Friends of Israel)*

FOR A PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY 2015 – 30 JULY 2018”

As ministerial duties commenced on 26 October 2017, meetings and communications will only be considered from that date.

I can confirm I have not met with any of the people or organisations that you have identified.

As confirmed with you on 15 August 2018, a table of communications with dates, times, and subjects is attached in Appendix A.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Winston Peters'.

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Deputy Prime Minister

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Correspondence between the Office of Rt Hon Winston Peters and:
 Israel Institute of New Zealand (IINZ) / New Zealand Friends of Israel (NZ FOI) /
 Zionist Federation of New Zealand / Embassy of Israel in New Zealand / David
 Cumin (IINZ spokesperson) / Bob Berg (President of NZ Friends of Israel).

26 October 2017 – 30 July 2017.

From	Subject	Received
Rob Berg	Letter of congratulations	11:16 PM 25/10/2017
Rob Berg	Calls for destruction of Israel and denial of the Holocaust at Al Quds rally in Pakuranga Mosque this June	6:46 PM 29/10/2017
Perry Trotter (IINZ)	Formal Complaint: Islamic Republic of Iran diplomat spreads conspiracy theories	2:28 PM 30/10/2017
David Cumin (IINZ)	Formal Complaint: Islamic Republic of Iran diplomat spreads conspiracy theories	7:22 PM 30/10/2017
Rob Berg	Fwd: 'Whose Land? Part 1 - Foundation' screening at Auckland and at The Beehive	10:07 AM 2/11/2017
Rob Berg	Fwd: Calls for destruction of Israel and denial of the Holocaust at Al Quds rally in Pakuranga Mosque this June	11:43 AM 3/11/2017
Rob Berg	Hanukkah in the Park 2017 invite	6:54 PM 6/11/2017
Rob Berg	Anti-Israel resolutions at recent UN General Assembly and New Zealand's voting	12:06 PM 3/12/2017
W Peters (MIN) → David Cumin	Response from Rt Hon Winston Peters	2:38 PM 12/12/2017
W Peters (MIN) → Rob Berg	Response from Rt Hon Winston Peters	14/12/2017
Rob Berg	Re: Response from Rt Hon Winston Peters	3:34 PM 14/12/2017
W Peters (MIN) → Rob Berg	Response from Rt Hon Winston Peters	19/12/2017
David Cumin (IINZ)	Eight questions	10:11 PM 28/12/2017
David Cumin (IINZ)	UNRWA and terror	4:17 PM 12/01/2018
W Peters (MIN) → David Cumin	Acknowledgement from office of Rt Honourable Winston Peters	10:25AM 18/01/2018
David Cumin (IINZ)	Any comment on the UNs proposed blacklist?	8:57 AM 6/02/2018
W Peters (MIN) → Rob Berg	Response from Rt Hon Winston Peters	8:42 AM 7/02/2018
W Peters (MIN) → David Cumin	Acknowledgement from office of Rt Honourable Winston Peters	9:30 AM 8/02/2018
Idit Forester (ZFNZ)	Invitation from the Jewish Community of Auckland	1:38PM 21/02/2018

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David Cumin (IINZ)	Re: Eight questions	12:23 PM 21/02/2018
W Peters (MIN) → David Cumin	Acknowledgement from office of Rt Honourable Winston Peters	2:50 PM 21/02/2018
W Peters (MIN) → David Cumin	Response from Rt Hon Winston Peters	12:26 PM 22/02/2018
W Peters (MIN) → David Cumin	Response from Rt Hon Winston Peters	1:46 PM 15/03/2018
David Cumin (IINZ)	Honouring Israel's 70th anniversary	8:43 PM 29/03/2018
David Cumin	Happy Easter and Passover	8:57 PM 29/03/2018
W Peters (MIN) → David Cumin	Acknowledgement from Rt Hon Winston Peters	3:58 PM 3/04/2018
David Cumin (IINZ)	IINZ MP BRIEFING - GAZA RIOTS 16 April 2018	9:49 PM 16/04/2018
Dr David Cumin (IINZ)	IINZ BRIEFING - 23 April 2018	9:09 PM 23/04/2018
W Peters (MIN) → David Cumin	Response from Rt Hon Winston Peters	9:35 PM 14/05/2018
Israel Institute of New Zealand	IINZ Briefing Hamas admits Gaza fatalities were terrorists; Swiss FM says UNRWA hinders peace...	8:00 AM 23/05/2018
David IINZ	Invitation to lunch with Dr Jonathan Spyer 13 June	12:17 PM 25/05/2018
Israel Institute of New Zealand	IINZ Briefing Iranian FM caught chanting 'death to US, UK, Israel'	8:00 AM 30/05/2018
Israel Institute of New Zealand	IINZ Briefing German intelligence agency considers BDS a security threat	8:00 AM 6/06/2018
Info@wellington.mfa.gov.il	What's New at the Israel Embassy - June 8	1:30 PM 8/06/2018
Israel Institute of New Zealand	IINZ Briefing Palestinian strikes slows aid to Gaza	8:00 AM 13/06/2018
Rob Berg	Letter regarding NZ's recent vote against Israel at the UN General Assembly	3:55 PM 18/06/2018
W Peters (MIN) → Rob Berg	Acknowledgement from office of Rt Honourable Winston Peters	3:28 PM 19/06/2018
Israel Institute of New Zealand	IINZ Briefing Canada votes against relations with Iran	8:00 AM 20/06/2018
Dr David Cumin (IINZ)	Comment on US exiting HRC?	8:41 AM 21/06/2018
Info@wellington.mfa.gov.il	All the Latest from Israel in NZ - June 22	1:30 PM 22/06/2018
Israel Institute of New Zealand	Hamas paid family to claim baby killed by Israel IINZ Briefing	8:00 AM 27/06/2018
Israel Institute of New Zealand	Australia cuts funding to Palestinian Authority IINZ Briefing	8:00 AM 4/07/2018
Dr David Cumin (IINZ)	What steps have you taken re Mike Treen	12:32 PM 9/07/2018
Israel Institute of New Zealand	We got it wrong [on 2334] - Simon Bridges IINZ Briefing	8:00AM 11/07/2018

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Rob Berg	Fwd: MFAT supporting anti-Israel event in Auckland	12:51 PM 11/07/2018
Dr David Cumin (IINZ)	MFAT promote NZIIA event featuring BDS / 1SS supporter	5:44 PM 11/07/2018
Dr David Cumin (IINZ)	Re: MFAT promote NZIIA event featuring BDS / 1SS supporter	8:01 PM 14/07/2018
W Peters (MIN) → David Cumin	Response from Rt Hon Winston Peters	4:11 PM 16/07/2018
Israel Institute of New Zealand	Israel Bombarded by 200 Rockets in 24 Hours IINZ Briefing	8:00 AM 18/07/2018
Israel Institute of New Zealand	Double standards over Nation State Law IINZ Briefing	8:00 AM 25/07/2018