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Official Information Act Transfer
Our ref: PSCR 2025-0131

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 8 February 2025 for:

"I rang over 6 months ago and spoke to the aid of Hon Winston Peters and was brushed off. After seeing his recent comments on X (formerly twitter) directed to Benjamin Netanyahu I would like to know what steps New Zealand has taken to be in compliance with the Genocide Convention.

Secondly, I would like to request information regarding New Zealand's official policy (and compliance with) the Geneva convention. Having a deputy PM/Foreign Minister publicly expressing support for a leader with an active arrest warrant from the ICC is extremely concerning".

We have transferred your request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) as the information to which your request relates is not held by us but is believed to be more closely connected with the functions of MFAT. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 to transfer your request.

You will hear further from MFAT concerning your request.

Yours sincerely

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