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Dear 

I refer to your request of 17 December 2023 to the Prime Minister seeking the following:

*I request, under the Official Information Act of 1982, how many NZ citizens and military personnel are currently present on the ground in Gaza, the occupied West Bank or elsewhere in Israel*

Your request as it relates to military personnel was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force on 21 December 2023 in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

There is one member of the NZDF deployed to Israel as part of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation peacekeeping mission. There are no NZDF personnel deployed to Gaza or the West Bank.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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