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Ref: OIA-2025/26-0622

Tēnā koe

**Official Information Act request: Intelligence sharing about missile strike on a school in Minab, Iran**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 30 March 2026. You requested:

*"This request relates to the airstrike on a school in Minab, Iran, on 3 January 2024, which has been the subject of significant international reporting and analysis. As a concerned citizen and worried about New Zealand's current stand on global issues to do with the rule of law and the UN charter I am seeking to understand what information, if any, was held by New Zealand agencies in relation to this event which by all rights looks like a war crime and if this country may be implicated.*

*I would appreciate your assistance with the following:*

**1. Intelligence received from international partners**

*Please advise whether your agency received any intelligence, reporting, assessments, or communications from foreign partners — including, but not limited to, Five Eyes partners — concerning:*

- a. *The planning, targeting, or execution of the Minab strike*
- b. *The actors believed to be responsible*
- c. *Civilian impact assessments*
- d. *Any warnings, alerts, or situational updates relevant to the event*

*If the content cannot be released, I would still appreciate confirmation of whether such information exists.*

**2. Intelligence or analysis contributed by New Zealand**

*Please advise whether your agency provided any intelligence, analysis, signals intercepts, geolocation information, or other forms of support that may have been relevant to the Minab strike, either directly or indirectly.*

*Again, confirmation of the existence or nonexistence of such information would be helpful.*

**3. Briefings to Ministers or senior officials**

*Please provide any briefings, situation reports, talking points, or summaries prepared for:*

- a. *Ministers responsible for your agency*
- b. *The Prime Minister*
- c. *DPMC or the National Security Group*

*that relate to the Minab strike or New Zealand's awareness of it.*

**4. Internal assessments**

*Please provide any internal assessments, legal analyses, risk assessments, or evaluations produced by your agency regarding:*

- a. *The Minab strike*
- b. *New Zealand's international obligations in relation to the event*
- c. *Implications for intelligence sharing relationships.*"

For ease of reference, we have reformatted and renumbered the parts of your request, which we have interpreted as relating to the missile strike on a school in Minab, Iran, on 28 February 2026.

Ordinarily, we would have transferred parts of your request to the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS), Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB), Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT), and New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). We note, however, that you have made your request directly to those agencies, meaning that a formal transfer is not required in this instance. The present response covers DPMC-authored material. Information held by us that originates from other agencies will be covered by their respective responses to your request.

#### **Parts 1, 2, and 4**

DPMC has not received or provided any information in scope of these parts of your request. With respect to Part 4, we have not produced any relevant assessments or analyses.

#### **Part 3**


A small amount of relevant information is contained in a draft talking points document for the Prime Minister that was shared with DPMC on 2 March 2026. The relevant part of this document is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion. Per section 9(1) of the Act, in making my decision, no public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding this information.

Searches of DPMC's electronic databases for any additional information relevant to this part of your request have returned no relevant results. As such, the remainder of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the requested information does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā



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