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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email of 25 October 2025, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"A list of all official meetings held between the Israeli Ambassador to New Zealand (or representatives of the Embassy of Israel) and any New Zealand Member of Parliament (including Ministers, Associate Ministers, and other MPs), from 1 January 2023 to the present.

For each meeting, please provide (where available):

- *The date and location*
- *The name and role of the New Zealand participant(s)*
- *The name and role of the Israeli representative(s)*
- *The subject or purpose of the meeting*

I am not seeking detailed notes of discussions, only the records that confirm the meetings took place.

Please provide the information in an accessible electronic format."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) is not routinely involved in organising meetings between Members of Parliament and members of the diplomatic corps. Indeed, meetings between Ambassadors and Members of Parliament occur as part of regular diplomatic activity undertaken independently by a country's Ambassador.

The Ministry therefore does not maintain a comprehensive record of meetings between Ambassadors and MPs. We are therefore not able to provide a definitive response to your request.

However, the Ministry is aware of the following meetings between the Israeli Ambassador and Members of Parliament since January 2023 because background briefings for them were requested by the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

- 2 April 2025: Meeting between the Israeli Ambassador to New Zealand Alon Roth-Snir and Hon Judith Collins, Minister of Defence.
- 18 June 2025: Meeting between the Israeli Ambassador to New Zealand Alon Roth-Snir and Tim van de Molen, Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence, & Trade Select Committee.
- 19 February 2025 : Meeting between the Israeli Ambassador to New Zealand Alon Roth-Snir and Tim van de Molen, Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence, & Trade Select Committee.
- 26 November 2024: Meeting between the Israeli Ambassador to New Zealand Ran Yaakoby and Hon David Seymour, Leader of the Act Party.
- 6 March 2024: Meeting between the Israeli Ambassador to New Zealand Ran Yaakoby and Tim van de Molen, Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence, & Trade Select Committee.
- 12 February 2024: Meeting between the Israeli Ambassador to New Zealand Ran Yaakoby and Rt Hon Winston Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs. More information is publicly available here: x.com/NewZealandMFA/status/1756905148528681166
- 8 February 2024: Meeting between the Israeli Ambassador to New Zealand Ran Yaakoby and Hon Chris Bishop, MP for Hutt South.

Further information on Ministerial meetings can be found on the Beehive website, under the profile of each individual Minister: [Ministerial diaries full disclaimer | Beehive.govt.nz](#).

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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