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Thank you for your email of 21 December 2025, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"There is a ceasefire agreement applying to Gaza.*

*Does the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade have any internal reports, assessments or communications over violations of that ceasefire.*

*If so:*

- how many are about ceasefire violations by Israel, and*
- how many are about ceasefire violations by Hamas or other Palestinian groups?*
- how often has the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade been advised of ceasefire violations in Gaza?"*

On 10 February 2026, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 10 working days because responding to your request necessitated the review of a large quantity of information (section 15A(1)(a) of the OIA refers).

### **Response to your request**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) monitors the situation in Gaza, including the status of the ceasefire. The Ministry has not produced any specific reporting on the ceasefire and there are therefore no documents that meet the criteria of this request. Where the Ministry has reported on the ceasefire, it is as part of more general reporting on the situation in Gaza and in the form of high-level trends and observations.

In accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the OIA we are providing the following summary of this information:

Our observation is that the ceasefire is holding, although it is being seriously tested by actions from both sides. The Ministry has not made any assessments about whether specific actions constitute violations of the ceasefire and reports are not divided into violations by one group or another. The Ministry has not provided specific advice to the

Minister on ceasefire violations, but the Minister has received a small number of reports (including from our diplomatic post network) that make reference to the ceasefire.

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/](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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