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Thank you for your email of 13 January 2026, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I would like to request all official documents (submissions, aide memoire, Cabinet papers, etc) provided to Ministers in 2025 relating to Israel's illegal invasion/ ethnic cleansing/ genocide against the indigenous Palestinian people in Gaza."

Your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information requested is, or soon will be, publicly available. All official documents related to the Israel-Hamas conflict provided to Ministers in 2025 are proactively published on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Ministry) website: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/countries-and-regions/middle-east/israel-hamas-conflict>

One additional Cabinet paper can be found on the Ministry's Media and Resources page here: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/media-and-resources/government-response-to-petition-of-maher-nazzal-on-behalf-of-nz-all-out-for-gaza-join-icj-case-sanction-israel-recognise-palestine-and-increase-unrwa-funding>

One recent submission in scope of your request, *New Zealand's vote on UNGA ESS Gaza resolution*, is soon to be publicly available on the Ministry website in the same location: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/countries-and-regions/middle-east/israel-hamas-conflict>

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade