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### Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 29 September 2025 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*The Cabinet Paper released on Recognition of Palestine Options for New Zealand references inter-agency work relating to social cohesion. It says communications about New Zealand's position on Palestine recognition will need to take account of social cohesion and the potential for further public protest in reaction to it.*

*It mentions work on this by government agencies including MFAT, NZ Police, the Ministry of Ethnic Communities and the New Zealand intelligence community.*

*Can I please request under the Official Information Act all papers and documents relating to this work and any outcomes from it. This should include, but is not limited to, any communication strategies and media talking points.*

The Ministry does not hold any papers or documents, including any communication strategies or media talking points, within scope of your request. Therefore, your request has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act; as the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

In forming this decision, the Ministry considered transferring your request to the agencies listed in your request. However, we understand those agencies have received similar requests from you on this matter, and any information they hold within scope of this request will already be captured by those other requests.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response relating to this request. The relevant details can be found on their website at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry may publish responses to requests for official information on our website, shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team [Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward Firth".

Edward Firth

Director of Ministerial Services