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Thank you for your email of 30 August 2024 in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). On 13 September 2024, the following part of your request was transferred from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) under section 14(b) of the OIA for response:

*"Any data showing anyone New Zealand has evacuated out of Gaza since October 7 with a breakdown of their citizenship or residency status and the date they were evacuated?"*

Please see the following table for the information requested.

Date exited Gaza	Citizenship/visa status
13-Nov-23	NZ Citizen
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13-Nov-23	NZ Citizen
13-Nov-23	NZ Citizen
13-Nov-23	NZ visitor visa
19-Nov-23	NZ permanent resident
19-Nov-23	NZ permanent resident
19-Nov-23	Palestinian
3-Dec-23	NZ permanent resident
3-Dec-23	NZ permanent resident
3-Dec-23	NZ permanent resident

Date exited Gaza	Citizenship/visa status
3-Dec-23	Palestinian
3-Dec-23	NZ permanent resident
4-Dec-23	NZ Citizen
11-Dec-23	NZ permanent resident
13-Dec-23	NZ permanent resident
13-Dec-23	Palestinian
16-Dec-23	NZ Citizen
16-Dec-23	Palestinian

Palestinian nationals who have been assisted were members of family groups of New Zealand citizens or Permanent Residents. Please note that a small number of other individuals to whom we have provided consular support in Gaza have exited without New Zealand's direct facilitation (including through commercial arrangements and private companies).

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/)

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Nāku noa, nā



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