



28 February 2025



Ref: OIA-2024/25-0613

Tēnā koe ,

**Official Information Act request relating to accommodation provided to DPMC employees**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 31 January 2025. You requested:

*“...Whether the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet rents or sublets accommodation to any employees or provides accommodation to any employees as an entitlement through their employment contract. This includes accommodation that is owned or leased by Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and refers to long-term as well as short-term accommodation...”*

On 5 February 2025, you clarified that your request is about accommodation the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) either rents or sub-lets to or for staff, or which is provided to staff as part of their employment; and, in either case, in which the staff member or members live, i.e. a primary or secondary residence. You also confirmed that you are seeking only confirmation of whether such arrangements exist.

We have interpreted your request as covering two arrangements, namely, where DPMC:

1. rents or sublets accommodation directly to its employees.
2. provides accommodation to employees as a part of their employment agreement.

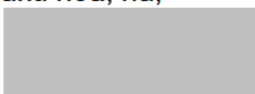
This response includes the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), which is a departmental agency hosted by DPMC.

I can confirm DPMC rents accommodation to two Government House employees. As to the second of these arrangements, staff who are posted overseas with NEMA use a co-payment for rental accommodation.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on DPMC's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā,



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