



9 July 2025



Ref: OIA-2024/25-0980

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

**Official Information Act request relating to [REDACTED] Health OIA's Pae Ora**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 12 June 2025. You requested:

1. *"In relation to review of the Pae Ora Act, any or all communication and/or advice to and/or from [the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC)] related to;*
  - a. *review of the Act from the period beginning 24 January 2025 to [12 June 2025]; and*
  - b. *the above, particularly consideration of section 6 (Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi) of the Act.*
2. *In relation to the Health Assurance Unit, any or all communication and/or advice to and/or from [DPMC] related to;*
  - a. *the establishment of the Health Assurance Unit ('the Unit') within the Public Service Commission; and*
  - b. *details of the purpose of the Unit and the Unit's initial work, which was referenced in an OIA request response dated 17 March 2025 (reference: PSCR 2020-0202).*
3. *In relation to Iwi-Māori Partnership Boards ('IMPBs'), any or all communication and/or advice to and/or from [DPMC] related to;*
  - a. *the role and status of Iwi-Māori Partnership Boards from the period beginning 24 January 2025 to [12 June 2025]; and*
  - b. *direct correspondence with any of the 15 IMPBs that are currently in place across the country from the period beginning 24 January 2025 to [12 June 2025].*
4. *Any or all communication and/or advice to and/or from [DPMC] related to the status of Te Pae Tata Interim New Zealand Health Plan 2022, in particular priority action two, and Pae Tū: Hauora Māori Strategy."*

For ease of reference, I have reformatted the parts of your request above and inserted 'DPMC' and the relevant dates to clarify that this response covers only relevant material held by DPMC and, for parts 1-3, information dated on or between 24 January and 12 June 2025.

On 19 June, Isabella Lenihan-Ikin, also of Dixon & Co Lawyers, and your co-requestor, clarified the timeframe for part 4 of your request as dating from 1 January 2025 to 12 June 2025.

I can advise that DPMC has carried out a search of its electronic databases for information relevant to your request. No communications have been identified as within scope of parts 1-4 of your request and, as such, these parts of your request, insofar as they relate to communications, are refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the requested information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Also identified as relevant to parts 1 and 4 of your request are some briefings provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Policy Advisory Group to the Prime Minister. These briefings are provided to the Prime Minister in confidence to support him in his role as leader of the Government and chair of Cabinet. These briefings are withheld in their entirety under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(f)(ii), to maintain collective and individual ministerial responsibility
- 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials
- 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

No advice has been identified as relevant to parts 2 and 3 of your request. As such, these too, are refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the requested information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

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

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Nāku noa, nā,



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**Deputy Chief Executive  
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