



17 July 2025



Ref: OIA-2024/25-0992

Tēnā koe ,

**Official Information Act request relating to Budget 2025 funding for an information-sharing initiative**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 16 June 2025. You requested:

*“the most substantive 2x reports on [the information sharing] project” [funded through Budget 2025]*

*... Pls could you detail what this initiative is – what the aim is, what key dates are for it, who is involved and who is in charge, what has been achieved so far, what remains to be done.”*

I have interpreted your request as being for:

1. The two most substantive reports concerning the information sharing initiative funded with an increase of \$2.836 million through Budget 2025, created by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC).
2. The following details about the initiative:
  - Its aim
  - Key dates
  - The lead and contributing agencies
  - Progress to date
  - Remaining work.

I can advise that DPMC is the lead agency for this work and that, at the highest level, the objective is to protect the public from harm. The project is currently paused. The documents in scope of your request are:

1. an Aide-Memoire seeking Cabinet approval for the first stages of the information sharing project.
2. a Briefing recommending pausing the project, and the rationale for this.

I have decided to withhold these documents, and any further details about the initiative, under section 6(a) of the Act. The release of these documents, including their titles, or any further information about the initiative, could prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

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 the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet'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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