



4 September 2025



Ref: OIA-2025/26-0126

Tēnā koe ,

### Official Information Act request relating to Parliament Protest responses

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 19 August 2025. You requested:

*“a copy of all material held by DPMC related to:*

- *The Parliament Protest between the dates of 11 February to 15 February 2022 - specifically relating to:*
  - *Use of sprinklers/flooding (11 to 12 feb)*
  - *Use of speakers to blast music (12-13 feb)*
  - *Referring to the protestors as feral or river of filth*

*The material will be from 11 February 2022 to 11 February 2023 inclusive.”*

We have interpreted your request as being for information held by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) related to the ‘Parliament Protest’ of February 2022, specifically referencing one or more of the terms you have provided (e.g., sprinklers, flooding, feral, river of filth).

A search of DPMC’s records has returned no results in scope of your request. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

I note that you have made several previous requests to DPMC on this and related topics (e.g., OIA-2024/25-0492, OIA-2024/25-0649, and OIA-2024/25-0691). Of particular relevance to your current request is the response to OIA-2024/25-0691, which has been proactively released on DPMC’s website and can be accessed here: <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2025-04/dPMC-roia-oia-2024-25-0691.pdf>. This includes the minute titled ‘Parliament Protest ODESC #1 Minutes 17 February 2022 1000hrs.’

As previously advised, decisions regarding the management of the Parliament Protest—including actions such as the use of sprinklers, music, and public statements—were the responsibility of the Speaker of the House. The Speaker, as the authority overseeing the Parliamentary precinct, is accountable for these decisions, not DPMC. Since the Speaker is not subject to the Act, I am unable to transfer your request to his office.

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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