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Tēnā koe 

### Official Information Act request relating to DPMC Restructure

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 22 August 2025. You requested:

*Can I please get a copy of any documents which relate to the recent restructure of DPMC, specifically those which relate to Government House in Auckland? This includes but is not limited to any change proposal or consultation documents.*

### Organisational change at DPMC

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) is currently undergoing an organisation change process expected to continue through October and November which will reduce DPMC's structure from a headcount of 247 to 229 roles, a net reduction of 18 positions. Of the roles being disestablished, around 20 were vacant at the time the final decisions were being made. Final decisions relating to DPMC's structure were shared with staff in early July and a transition process is underway.

The proposed changes affect all DPMC groups, including Government House, Cabinet Office, Policy Advisory Group and Delivery Unit, National Security and Resilience, and Corporate Functions.

### Decision regarding your request

Your request for copies of any documentation which relate to the recent restructure of DPMC is refused in full under the following sections of the Act:

- s6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand
- s9(2)(a), to protect personal privacy
- s9(2)(ba)(i), to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence and would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

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.

At the conclusion of the change process, public versions of the change proposal document and the final decisions document will be proactively released on the DPMC website here:

<https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/publications>

To provide you with some information while the organisational change processes are being finalised, I have decided to release a summary to you as allowed under section 16(1)(e) of the Act.

You specifically asked about Government House Auckland.

#### **Future use of Government House Auckland**

- No change to the use of Government House, Auckland is anticipated as a result of this change process. While the organisational structure has changed, there is no change in the level of support or resourcing given to the Governor-General's Auckland programme or use of Government House, Auckland.
- Two Auckland-based roles have been disestablished with the equivalent roles being established in Wellington. This is to maximise use of organisational resources with the majority of the Governor-General's duties of office and programme being based in Wellington.
- DPMC staff will travel to Auckland as required.
- A further Auckland position has been disestablished, with a new role established in its place to reflect this change.

Feedback relating to Government House, Auckland:

- Feedback on disestablishing roles based at Government House, Auckland was mixed. Some supported reallocating resources to Wellington, where most of the Governor-General's programme occurs, while others raised concerns about increased travel demands on Wellington staff and the effect of reduced Auckland staffing would have on security and property maintenance.

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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