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Ref: OIA-2025/26-0147

Tēnā koe ,

Official Information Act request relating to Paerata and the use of AI in documents prepared for ELT

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 31 August 2025. You requested:

"I'm working on a presentation around AI in leadership, I would like to know the following.

- 1. Do reports/aide-memoires/etc. given to the Chief Executive or senior leaders contain a check box disclosing the use of AI.*
- 2. What data was Paerata trained on, or is Paerata a re-badged existing LLM.*
- 3. Is Paerata still hosted locally.*
- 4. How many prompts were inputted into Paerata by users, on a typical day."*

I understand question 2,3, and 4 might not fall within your department if it does not would you be able to redirect me to a more appropriate location."

On 3 September, we transferred Parts 2-4 of your request to the Treasury for response.

Regarding Part 1 of your request, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC) and National Emergency Management Agency's (NEMA) templates for formal briefings (including reports, aides-memoire, and memoranda) do not currently include a "check box" for disclosing the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen-AI).

Nevertheless, one of the principles guiding use of Gen-AI at DPMC and NEMA is:

"Ensure human oversight is included throughout the use of any Gen-AI tool: Maintain human oversight in AI operations to ensure accountability and reliability. Human oversight ensures that AI systems are used responsibly and that there is human accountability and intervention throughout the process. This includes having humans in the loop to review and validate AI outputs. Staff should be trained to understand AI limitations and intervene when necessary."

This is from our Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen-AI) Policy, which has been previously released, and subsequently published on DPMC's website, in response to an earlier request under the Act, and is publicly available here:

<https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2025-08/dPMC-roia-oia-2024-25-1001.pdf>.

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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