



7 October 2025



Ref: OIA-2025/26-0222

Tēnā koe ,

Official Information Act request relating regarding Māori capability at Statistics

Thank you for your follow-up Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 30 September 2025.

As you know, on 29 September 2025, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) transferred your earlier request [OIA-2025/26-0204] to Stats NZ under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as the information sought was more closely connected to the functions of that agency. That request was for:

“any information (including correspondence and documentation) regarding:

- *Initiative No. “16465”*
- *Māori capability at Statistics New Zealand.”*

On 30 September, you replied to our transfer letter asking that DPMC provide a separate response for any information held by us, e.g., advice or correspondence produced or sent by DPMC. We have decided to treat this follow-up as a new request under the Act.

I can advise that DPMC has carried out a search of its electronic databases for information relevant to your request. One document containing information relevant to your request was found; however, the relevant information it contains was provided to DPMC by Stats NZ and will be covered by that agency’s response to your request. No additional DPMC documents have been identified as within scope of your request and, as such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the requested information does not exist.

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,



Alan Cassidy
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