



31 October 2025



Ref: OIA-2025/26-0260

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request relating to Cyber-attacks on DPMC information or networks

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 16 October 2025. Your request was made to several government agencies, including the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). You requested (numbering added):

- "I would like to make an OIA request for the following information beginning 1 Jan 2023 and categorised by year (2023-2025)-*
- 1. the number of cyber attacks*
 - 2. type of attack (illegal access/hacking, interception of internal messaging, interception of external messaging, and other (please define))*
 - 3. the number of across-department attacks (multipronged)*
 - 4. access route (website, social media account, computer kiosks, smart phones, other digital devices (please define))*
 - 5. when did the attacks occur*
 - 6. what were the demands, were they met and at what cost, and actual consequences for non-compliance with the demands and for compliance (e.g. information dumped on dark web, etc (please define))*
 - 7. indicate how many people's information were stolen or taken illegally or without authorisation and what that information related to, and how many times has the information been recovered.*
 - 8. where the attack involved a government contractor, please specify.*
 - 9. investigation/inquiry reports into incidents and cost*
 - 10. whether an incident was referred to Police or other investigatory body (please specify) and status of said case, e.g. was a person prosecuted, extradition order made, etc) and type of charge laid (blackmail eg)."*

From the context provided by your questions, we have understood your request to be for information regarding any successful, malicious cyber-attacks accessing DPMC information or networks.

DPMC's information technology services are provided under a shared service arrangement by the Corporate and Shared Services (CSS). There have been no successful cyber-attacks on DPMC information or networks since 1 January 2023 identified and none resulting in a financial loss. Accordingly, all parts of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the Act on the basis that 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



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