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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request relating to officials or contractors that have been investigated, charged and convicted under the Crimes Act

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 31 October 2025. You requested:

Q1 In the past three years, how many complaints have government departments or Police or the Serious Fraud Office received re bribery or corruption or other fraud by government officials or contractors; Please break this down by department, number of people per complaint and by year received.

Q2.a.: In the past three years, how many officials-

1. been investigated for offences "in certain circumstances [prescribed by section 78A of the Crimes Act 1961 and 20Aa of the Summary Offences Act 1981] relating to security and defence of New Zealand, of improperly disclosing, copying, or retaining official information".

2. been investigated regarding "corrupt use or disclosure by" regarding "official information acquired in their official capacity for private gain for themselves or any other person" under section 105A of the Crimes Act 1961. Please break this down by year, locale, department and types, size and number of benefit(s) they allegedly received.

Q3.a.: In the past three years, how many contractors-

1. been investigated for offences "in certain circumstances [prescribed by section 78A of the Crimes Act 1961 and 20Aa of the Summary Offences Act 1981] relating to security and defence of New Zealand, of improperly disclosing, copying, or retaining official information". Please break this down by year, locale, department and types, size and number of benefit(s) they allegedly received.

Q4.a.: In the past three years, how many officials-

1. been charged with offences "in certain circumstances [prescribed by section 78A of the Crimes Act 1961 and 20Aa of the Summary Offences Act 1981] relating to security and defence of New Zealand, of improperly disclosing, copying, or retaining official information".

2. been charged for "corrupt use or disclosure by" regarding "official information acquired in their official capacity for private gain for themselves or any other person" under section 105A of the Crimes Act 1961. Please break this down by year, locale, department and types, size and number of benefit(s) they allegedly received.

Q4.b.: In the past three years, how many contractors-

1. been charged with offences "in certain circumstances [prescribed by section 78A of the Crimes Act 1961 and 20Aa of the Summary Offences Act 1981] relating to security and defence of New Zealand, of improperly disclosing, copying, or retaining official information". Please break this down by year, locale, department, and types, size and number of benefit(s) they allegedly received.

Q4.a.: In the past three years, how many officials-

1. been convicted or found not guilty or had conviction overturned on appeal regarding offences "in certain circumstances [prescribed by section 78A of the Crimes Act 1961 and 20Aa of the Summary Offences Act 1981] relating to security and defence of New Zealand, of improperly disclosing, copying, or retaining official information".

2. been convicted or found not guilty or had conviction overturned on appeal for "corrupt use or disclosure by" regarding "official information acquired in their official capacity for private gain for themselves or any other person" under section 105A of the Crimes Act 1961. Please break this down by year, department, locale and types, size and number of benefit(s) they allegedly received.

Q4.b.: In the past three years, how many contractors-

1. been convicted, been found not guilty or had conviction overturned on appeal regarding offences "in certain circumstances [prescribed by section 78A of the Crimes Act 1961 and 20Aa of the Summary Offences Act 1981] relating to security and defence of New Zealand, of improperly disclosing, copying, or retaining official information". Please break this down by year, department, locale and types, size and number of benefit(s) they allegedly received.

Normally, in these circumstances I would transfer question [1] of your request to both the Serious Fraud Office and New Zealand Police however, I note you sent your request directly to both agencies and I therefore refer you to their responses.

DPMC can only respond to your request with information as it relates to DPMC. If you are seeking information that you believe may be held by another agency, you may wish to consider making a request direct to that agency (if you have not done so already). Details on other government agencies are available on the following website: [Directory of Official Information Search Tool | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#)

The remainder of your request which is seeking information relating to DPMC officials has been interpreted as DPMC staff and contractors. Searches were completed of our Information Management Systems for anything relevant to questions [2] – [4] and there have been no staff or contractors at DPMC that have been investigated or charged under the criteria you have listed.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

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Nāku noa, nā



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