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Ref: OIA-2025/26-0356

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request for documents relating to Paerata

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 20 November 2025. You requested:

"[...] a range of information about Paerata, Treasury/DPMC's internal AI tool. I've included both of the relevant emails here as I assume one of you will want to transfer part of it.

Can you please provide me with:

- 1. The average number of prompts per day*
- 2. Any training information provided to Treasury/DPMC staffers on how to use Paerata, including example prompts and the like*
- 3. Estimated spend on the development of this tool, and details on whether this spend came from Tsy or DPMC baselines or elsewhere*
- 4. A list of datasets/databases from Treasury are available to the tool to make use of.*
- 5. A sample of full conversations with Paerata. Basically I am keen here to get an idea of how it is actually being used. I understand that an OIA for every conversation would be rejected for a range of reasons. So I'm keen to see a sample of five randomly selected conversations.*

Please get in touch if there is a way to make this request workable."

Ordinarily, I would transfer your request to the Treasury under section 14b(ii) of the Act as the information you seek is more closely connected to the functions of that agency. Since you have already made your request to that agency directly, I instead refer you to their response.

Information publicly available

The following information is also covered by Part 2 of your request insofar as this is for guidance provided to DPMC staff on how to use Paerata. DPMC's *Paerata User Guidance*, *Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen-AI) Policy*, and *Gen-AI User Guidance* have been released in response to a previous request under the Act and are publicly available on DPMC's website:

Date	Document description	Website address
7 July 2025	Response to OIA-2024/25-1001	https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2025-08/dPMC-roia-oia-2024-25-1001.pdf

Accordingly, I have refused this aspect of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

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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