



10 December 2025



Ref: OIA-2025/26-0280

Tēnā koe ,

Official Information Act request relating to Wai 2575 and Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022

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

1. *This letter is sent with regards to information related to the Pae Ora (Health Futures) Act 2022 ('the Act') held by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.*
2. *Pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, we respectfully request a copy of the following information, including any documents, advice or correspondence (including Cabinet papers, briefings, or aide-m-mémoires) that:*
 - a. *Refer to the Wai 2575 Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry, or the claimants of this Inquiry, in the context of the development or establishment of the Act between 2019 and 2022?*

On 14 November 2025, we wrote to you extending the time limit for transferring any parts of your request under section 14 of the Act by 10 working days, to 27 November 2025. The additional time was needed to complete consultations before a final decision whether to transfer was made. On 27 November 2025, we wrote to you again extending both the time limits for the decision on your request and for transferring parts of your request by 17 working days to allow additional time to complete consultations. This took the extended due date for our response to 23 December 2025.

Context regarding information held by DPMC relevant to your request

The Health and Disability Review Transition Unit (Transition Unit) was established as a business unit in DPMC in September 2020 following consideration of the Health and Disability System Review. The Transition Unit oversaw the implementation of the health reforms and finished its work in 2022 after the establishment of Health New Zealand and Te Aka Whai Ora (Māori Health Authority).

The additional time was needed to both go through and assess for relevance a large volume of documents in relation to your request and then consult on those documents, where appropriate.

Part Transfer to the Ministry of Health

We have identified documents held by DPMC that I believe are more closely related to the functions of Manutū Hauora, Ministry of Health (MoH).

Your request included Cabinet documents. DPMC holds all Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers and Minutes as Cabinet Office is a business unit within DPMC. However, DPMC transfers requests for Cabinet papers to the relevant portfolio Minister, or for previous administrations to the relevant agency, as they are in the best position to assess them for release under the Act.

I believe your request as it relates to any relevant Cabinet documents is more closely connected to the functions of the Ministry of Health (MoH).

In addition, there are several documents, including briefings, that DPMC holds as part of the records generated by the Transition Unit. The functions of the Transition Unit were transferred to MoH when the unit was disestablished. These documents are more closely related to MoH. In addition, DPMC holds some relevant letters that are either to the Minister of Health or from MoH. I believe these letters are also more closely connected to the functions of MoH.

Accordingly, I have decided to transfer your request as it relates to these documents to MoH under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. MoH has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Information being released as excerpts

There are some documents held by DPMC that hold a small amount of information that has some relevance to your request. I have decided to release to you the relevant excerpts from these documents under section 16(1)(e) of the Act, as below.

Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy 2019

We have identified several documents held as part of the drafting of the 2019 Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy that has some relevance to your request. The same information is repeated in several draft documents and the relevant extract is copied below:

Mental health and Addiction Inquiry – responses to this (dovetail)
Government response to Wai 2575

www.health.govt.nz/our-work/populations/maori-health/wai-2575-health-services-and-outcomes-kaupapa-inquiry

The link to the current Ministry of Health website page quoted in the extract is:
www.health.govt.nz/maori-health/wai-2575-health-services-and-outcomes-inquiry.

The 2019 Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy is available via the National Library website at:
ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/20240412190031/https://www.childyouthwellbeing.govt.nz/resources/child-and-youth-wellbeing-strategy.

Social Inclusion Stocktake

Set out below are excerpts from a 2019 stocktake and updates of the stocktake held by DPMC of social inclusion work underway at the time collated from government agencies.

Social Inclusion – Stocktake of existing work underway collated from all agencies (as at 22 May 2019)
Maori Health

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Lead agency	Name of programme/policy/intervention	Description of the activity	Which framework lever (see A3)	How could you improve the positive impact on social inclusion?	What would the impact be (scale)?	What is needed to make this happen?
Ministry of Health	Māori-Crown relations e.g. WAI 2575 Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry	1. Response to WAI 2575 stage one: primary health care 2. Preparing for WAI 2575 stage two: mental health and addictions and disability.	Institutions to hear disputes and reduce tensions	Ensuring the Ministry of Health and the whole health and disability system upholds the Treaty of Waitangi and prevents future claims against the Crown.	Aotearoa's Māori population	Mechanisms to hold the Ministry of Health and whole health and disability system to account to the Treaty principles.

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Social Inclusion – Stocktake of existing work underway collated from all agencies (as at 30 May 2019)

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Documents that are publicly available

A number of documents have been identified as having some relevance to your request but are already publicly available. Details of these documents with links to the website where you can access them are provided in the table below.

Date of document	Title or description of document	Link to document on website
28/06/2019	Māori With Lived Experience of Disability: Part I by Dr Paula Thérèse King. Commissioned by the Waitangi Tribunal.	forms.justice.govt.nz/search/Documents/WT/wt_DOC_150437272/Wai%202575%2C%20B022.pdf
28/06/2019	Māori with Disabilities (Part Two): Report Commissioned by the Waitangi Tribunal for the Health Services and Outcomes Inquiry (Wai 2575). By Hector Kaiwai and Dr Tanya Allport	www.abuseincare.org.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0030/28668/kaiwai-h-allport-t-maori-with-disabilities-part-two-report-commissioned-by-the-waitangi-tribunal-for-the-health-services-and-outcomes-inquiry-wai-2575-2019.pdf
28/09/2019	Māori Mental Health: A report commissioned by the Waitangi Tribunal for the Wai 2575 Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry. By Timothy Gassin.	www.abuseincare.org.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/28382/gassin-t-maori-mental-health-a-report-commissioned-by-the-waitangi-tribunal-for-the-health-services-and-outcomes-kaupapa-inquiry-wai-2575-b26-2019.pdf
30/10/2019	Wai 2575 Māori Health Trends Report	www.health.govt.nz/publications/wai-2575-maori-health-trends-report
12/05/2021	Article from NZ Doctor: Rata Aotearoa 12 May 2021 Issue " <i>New Authority in place in under a year, but Māori services put best foot forward now</i> ": by Alan Perrott.	www.nzdoctor.co.nz/article/print-archive/cover-story/new-authority-place-under-year-maori-services-put-best-foot
13/07/2021	Well Child Tamariki Ora Review Report	www.health.govt.nz/publications/well-child-tamariki-ora-review-report
22/09/2021	Kia Manawanui Aotearoa – Long-term pathway to mental wellbeing (August	www.health.govt.nz/publications/kia-manawanui-aotearoa-long-term-pathway-

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	2021)	to-mental-wellbeing
15/10/2021	Hauora Report on Stage One of the Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry	www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/assets/For-the-health-sector/Specific-life-stage/Health-of-older-people/Hauora-2023-W.pdf
December 2021	Submission to Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Bill 2021. From the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services.	www3.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCPOL_EVI_116317_POL1813/c630fb889ab3d624a6c103cd2b5b8c820a341628
December 2021	Submission to Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Bill 2021. From Toi Hauora Academic Unit, Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa, Massey University.	www3.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCPOL_EVI_116317_POL2659/01577c3a02bb1e5001c37d8d76cc47ae5a045c74
8/12/2021	Submission to Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Bill 2021. From the Institute of Community Psychology Aotearoa	www3.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCPOL_EVI_116317_POL1633/8ed439807ed5761fd10aa7e603e24ae6c49f6e11
9/12/2021	Submission to Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Bill 2021. From Democracy Action Inc	www3.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCPOL_EVI_116317_POL2315/2735b8a9ff3e3044a1772e7eea0b5431662dbebb
23/12/2021	Submission to Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Bill 2021. From Tamaki Legal: Barristers & Solicitors	https://www3.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCPOL_EVI_116317_POL3728/7ac5c11f01c6dab9f8ed5a6116df215af6d9df5
June 2022	Ngā Wānanga o Hine Kopū Evaluation Summary: June 2022	healthnz.figshare.com/articles/report/Ng_W_nanga_o_Hine_K_p_Evaluation_Summary_Report/26525167?file=48296881
September 2022	Draft Te Aka Whai Ora Statement of Intent. Final published on Health NZ website.	www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Te-Aka-Whai-Ora-Statement-of-Intent.pdf
17/10/2022	2022 DPMC Annual Report, and drafts of the report, has a small amount of relevant information. Provided is a link to the final 2022 Annual Report on the DPMC website (relevant part is on page 12 of the report which is page 18 of the document).	www.dPMC.govt.nz/publications/annual-report-2022

Your request as it relates to these documents is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, on the basis that the requested information is already publicly available.

Withheld in full

There is some advice from September 2021 provided by DPMC to the Minister of Health for responding to a Written Parliamentary Question 38228 (2021). This advice has been withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion. The published response to Written Parliamentary Question 38228 (2021) is available on the Parliament website at: questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ_38228_2021?lang=en.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

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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