



5 December 2025

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request relating to information written or received by DPMC about asset sales

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 11 November 2025. You requested:

"[...] copies of all briefings, aide memoire, reports, updates, presentations and other advice written or received by DPMC officials that were provided to Prime Minister Luxon or used to inform advice to him about:

- *The recycling of New Zealand Government assets*
- *The effectiveness of how government agencies manage their assets in general*
- *Issues associated with government agencies not having asset management plans*
- *The performance of Pamu or its farms*
- *The pros and cons of selling off state-owned farms*

The Prime Minister raised these issues publicly on 10 November 2025 and I am interested in learning more about the information he received that helped him form his views. Except for Pamu related requests, I am seeking documents and information that is focused cross agencies rather than documents focussed on individual agencies."

We have interpreted your request as seeking all formal advice provided by DPMC to the Prime Minister on one or more of the topics specified above, including formal advice received by DPMC officials from other agencies or organisations that informed subsequent advice to the Prime Minister. Per your request, we have not included any information that focuses on "individual agencies." Furthermore, while you did not specify a timeframe, we have limited our searches to information dating from 1 January through to 11 November 2025.

Information to be withheld

Identified as relevant to your request are some briefings provided by the DPMC Policy Advisory Group to the Prime Minister. These briefings are provided to the Prime Minister in confidence to support him in his role as leader of the Government and chair of Cabinet. PAG advice to the Prime Minister may include documents from other agencies or organisations as appendices. These briefings, including any such appendices, are withheld in their entirety under one or more of the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(f)(ii), to maintain collective and individual ministerial responsibility
- 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials
- 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion
- 9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privilege.

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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