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Tēnā koe

### Official Information Act request relating to proactive legislation and a Global Watch Office

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 29 December 2025. You requested:

- 1. Is there a proactive legislation branch in response to international events that could impact the ability of the country, its business, etc., or improvements, rather than a reactive approach? E.g., 3D printing of weapons started being printed in 2011, but there is no specific legislation to enforce and ensure compliance with 3D firearms.*
- 2. Does the DPMC have a Global Watch Office ability to monitor national and international events for opportunities to improve policy and interests?*

I can confirm that DPMC holds no information relating to a 'proactive legislation branch'. Information regarding legislation bids made by Ministers and the Legislation Programme is set out in paragraphs 7.6 to 7.15 of the Cabinet Manual. A link to the Cabinet Manual and together with further information can be found on the DPMC website: [www.dPMC.govt.nz/publications/about-legislation-programme](http://www.dPMC.govt.nz/publications/about-legislation-programme).

This part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the department and there are no grounds for believing it is held by or more closely connected to another agency or Minister of the Crown.

Regarding part 2 of your request, DPMC does not have an equivalent 'Global Watch Office'.

I would like to direct you to information available on our website regarding the National Security and Resilience Group (NSRG) which provides leadership, advice and coordination of the Government's national security and resilience priorities. This information can be found at this address: [www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-business-units/national-security-and-resilience-group](http://www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-business-units/national-security-and-resilience-group).

The work of the NSRG includes the National Assessments Bureau, which provides independent and impartial assessments on events and developments relevant to New Zealand's national security and international relations. It also includes the Strategic Crisis Management Directorate which leads, coordinates and supports the Officials' Committee for Domestic and External Security Coordination (ODESC system) of strategic crisis management to deliver a secure and resilient New Zealand.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Clarke-Watson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeremy Clarke-Watson  
**Deputy Chief Executive**  
**National Security and Resilience**