



10 March 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0497

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request relating to the use of Artificial Intelligence

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 February 2026. Your request, with numbers added to assist with responding, was for:

1. [...] the text prompt that was entered into an AI image generator to produce caricature images of the Labour, Green and Te Pati Māori party members in this social media post:
<https://www.facebook.com/NZNATS/posts/pfbid02vwGpepoZi1Te3zDktPM6RpecuUfZkAMu3YVjoW3iWnsLfqqMFL9hHbFGofWrsWVqI>
2. If there were multiple prompts entered into the chat in order to produce the finalised images, then I would like a full history of the chat(s) and prompts, as well as copies of any other images produced in the same session(s).
3. I would also like to request to know; what generative AI tool was used, what other (if any) AI tools the National Party and Prime Minister and Cabinet use, and a copy of Parliamentary Service's and/or National Party's AI Policy or guidance for staff using AI (if any exists).

DPMC can only respond to your request insofar as it concerns information held by us. The post you refer to appears to have been created by the New Zealand National Party. Accordingly, I have interpreted all parts of your request to be seeking details regarding the New Zealand National Party's use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools.

DPMC does not hold the requested information, the New Zealand National Party is not subject to the Act, and I do not believe that the information requested is held by another entity that is subject to the Act. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(g) of the Act.

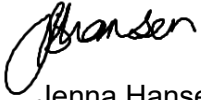
The aspect of Part 3 of your request that seeks the Parliamentary Service's AI policies, if these exist, is likewise refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the Parliamentary Service, like the New Zealand National Party, is not subject to the Act and I do not believe that the information requested is held by another entity that is subject to the Act.

During consultation, the Parliamentary Service advised DPMC that it provides guidance to Members of Parliament (MPs), including those of the New Zealand National Party, on the AI tools they can use, but that MPs are free to use other AI tools. The Parliamentary Service also noted it provides Microsoft Copilot to MPs as a preferred tool. You may wish to contact the Parliamentary Service directly at parlinfo@parliament.govt.nz for further information regarding its Generative AI guidance.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Jenna Hansen', written in a cursive style.

Jenna Hansen

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