



17 March 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0538

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request relating to the CVE redirection method

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 25 February 2026. You requested:

Please provide:

(1) a full and complete list of websites, and individual channels and or persons on YouTube and other internet platforms, that are subject to the "redirection method" employed by Moonshot CVE, a private intelligence contractor apparently contracted to the New Zealand Government that works with a range of platforms and multiple intelligence and enforcement agencies around the world;

(2) an explanation that describes how channels on YouTube and other media are chosen, where, and by whom;

(3) any and all correspondence with Moonshot CVE and whoever locally runs "Your Turn To Talk" and government departments, agencies, or bodies, especially ministerial correspondence;

(4) statistics on how many referrals have been made since the NZ-based website was set up;

(5) a full and complete description of what information is being collected on users who visit YouTube and the offending channels, or channels on other platforms, including technical details;

(6) a full and complete description of what information is being collected on users who visit the "Your Turn To Talk" website, including technical details;

(7) confirmation as to when the website "Your Turn To Talk" was set up, went live, and who in Government authorised it (which departments, which Minister);

(8) confirmation or otherwise as to whether visiting those channels will cause a user to come to the attention of the Police, intelligence agencies, or other law enforcement agencies or government bodies;

(9) how much this "CVE" program costs and who funds it (full list, local and international);

and

(10) whether any personal interventions have been made as a result of a user of YouTube or another platform visiting one of the offending channels.

On 11 March 2026 you were advised that parts [3] and [9] of your request were partially transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and they will respond to you directly.

Information publicly available

In relation to parts [1], [2], [4], [5], [6], [8] and [10] of your request, information is publicly available in Moonshot report which can be found on their website at the following link: [Somewhere Trusted to Turn: New Zealand's First Online Violence Prevention Programme - Moonshot](#).

In relation to part [7] of your request, the website '*Your Turn to Talk*' was not directly set up or authorised by DPMC, it was set up by a Non-Governmental Organisation called RISE Living Safe. This is also referenced in the Moonshot report as above. Accordingly, part [7] of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information is not held by DPMC and I have no grounds for believing that the information is either held by another department or Minister of the Crown.

In relation to part [9] of your request, the following link to the PCVE fund page is located on the DPMC website, which includes information on how much funding Moonshot received: [Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Fund | Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet \(DPMC\)](#) and as highlighted above, DIA will respond with any information they may hold that is relevant to part [9] of your request.

The parts of your request that have information publicly available are refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

Information to be refused

In relation to part [3] of your request, searches have been completed of three relevant DPMC staff members and 630 emails have been identified. It is highly likely that there would be additional emails if all staff that worked across this topic were identified.

To be able to determine whether the 630 emails meet the scope of your request, each email would need to be manually assessed and therefore, I believe to answer this part of your request as it is currently framed would involve substantial collation and research.

Accordingly, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. In reaching this decision, I first considered the factors contained in sections 18A(1) and 18B of the Act. However, I did not consider that taking any of these steps of charging you for the information, extending the time limits or consulting further with you, would allow the request to be answered.

As highlighted above, DIA will respond with any information they may hold that is relevant to part [3] of your request.

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'.

Jeremy Clarke-Watson
Deputy Chief Executive
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