



25 March 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0548

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request: Correspondence and advice regarding Quarterly Action Plans

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 2 March 2026. You requested:

"[...] a copy of the following under the OIA, since 1 October 2025 to the present day:

- (i) All advice regarding quarterly action plans.*
- (ii) All correspondence sent and received, between the department and any Minister's or members of a Minister's office, regarding quarterly action plans.*
- (iii) All drafts and final versions of quarterly actions plans."*

On 18 March 2026, you clarified that, with respect to Part 2 of your request, you are seeking correspondence for the period 1 October 2025 to 2 March 2026 about the formation of any new action plan post-Q4 2025, as well as correspondence for the period 1 December 2025 to 1 February 2026 about any Q4 actions that were not on track to be achieved. You noted that your request was to exclude purely administrative correspondence.

Part 1

We have interpreted this part of your request as seeking all formal advice that DPMC has provided to the Prime Minister or Minister for National Security and Intelligence during the period 1 October 2025 to 2 March 2026 (inclusive) in relation to the Government Quarterly Action Plans.

Identified as relevant to this part of 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. These briefings are withheld in their entirety under the following sections of the Act:

- 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.

Part 2

We have interpreted this part of your refined request as seeking correspondence between DPMC and ministers' offices:

- regarding the formation of any new action plan post-Q4 2025 for the period 1 October 2025 to 2 March 2026; and
- concerning any Q4 actions that were not on track to be achieved for the period 1 December 2025 to 1 February 2026.

Officials within DPMC's Delivery Unit provided progress reports to the Prime Minister's Office during this period. These reports are scheduled for proactive release on DPMC's website and are therefore refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information will soon be publicly available.

You can find progress reports on DPMC's website at the following address:

https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/publications?field_cassbase_content_owner_target_id=All&field_cassbase_resource_category_tid=All&field_issue_date_value=All&field_pmc_programme_target_id=2295.

Also identified as in scope is the following email, the relevant parts of which we have decided to release to you, subject to some information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of individuals. Information that is out of scope of your request has been marked accordingly on the document. The email includes an attachment of the final progress report for Q4. This will be proactively released on DPMC's website and is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the Act. The cover briefing is, however, being released to you.

Date	Document description	Decision
18 December 2025	Email from DPMC to the Prime Minister's Office	Release relevant information, some information withheld under s9(2)(a). Release cover briefing. Refuse 'Attachment A' under s18(d).

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.

No correspondence from DPMC to ministers' offices relating to Q4 actions that were not on track has been identified.

Part 3

We have interpreted this part of your request as seeking all drafts and final versions of Government Quarterly Action Plans produced during the period 1 October 2025 to 2 March 2026 (inclusive). A search of DPMC's electronic databases for information relevant to this part of your request has returned no relevant results. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the requested documents do not exist.

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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Subject: Final Progress Report and Comms Summary for the Government's Quarterly Action Plan (Q4)
Date: Thursday, 18 December 2025 1:28:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Government's Quarterly Plan - Final Report for Quarter 4 \[December 2025\].pdf](#)

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Kia ora koutou s 9(2)(a) PMO ,

Please find attached the final progress report on the Government's Q4 Action plan. This has been included in the Prime Ministers bag for his consideration.

Summary

- **97% (32 actions out of 33) have been achieved.**
- **1 action was not completed during the quarter:**
 - **Action 33** - *Release the curriculum draft for Years 0-10 in other learning areas* - **was partially completed**, with further time required to complete the draft Years 0-10 curriculum content across the wananga ako of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, which will now be completed by the end of January 2026.

Out of Scope

Ngā mihi

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Briefing

Government's Quarterly Plan - Final Report for Quarter 4 [December 2025]

To: Rt Hon Christopher Luxon
Prime Minister

Date	19/12/2025	Priority level:	Medium
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Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with the final progress report on the Coalition Government's plan for Quarter Four (Q4) and seeks your approval for the proactive release of the set of progress reports for Q4.

Recommendations

2. I recommend you:

1. **note** the final progress report on the Coalition Government's plan for Q4 (refer Attachment A)
2. **agree** to proactively release the set of progress reports on the Coalition Government's plan for Q4, subject to any appropriate withholding of information that would be justified under the Official Information Act 1982.

YES / NO

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19 December 2025

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Rt Hon Christopher Luxon
Prime Minister

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Attachment A is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA as it will soon be publicly available on DPMC's website.