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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request relating to Critical Infrastructure work programme

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 13 March 2026. You requested:

- Any advice provided to the relevant Ministers and Cabinet on the DPMC work programme related to Critical Infrastructure Resilience after 8 August 2023, including:
 - advice on options to improve the overall resilience of New Zealand's critical infrastructure
 - advice on how to define 'critical infrastructure' for the purpose of this work programme
 - advice on whether to progress the work programme or significantly change its scope, including any assessment of risks associated with changing its scope
 - any assessment of key vulnerabilities to critical infrastructure resilience in New Zealand.
- Any written or verbal feedback from relevant Ministers (including feedback from Cabinet Ministers as part of any Ministerial consultation) related to the Critical Infrastructure Resilience work programme after 8 August 2023, including feedback on whether to progress the work programme or amend its scope and the reasons for this.
- Any advice or analysis provided to the relevant Ministers and Cabinet on how work underway across government will support the 'critical five joint statement on security and resilience' issued in December 2024. This includes advice provided to relevant Ministers both before and after the joint statement was released that makes reference to the joint statement. I want to understand what advice relevant Ministers have received from DPMC with a system-wide view of work across government that contributes to the objectives of this joint statement.

Decision on your request

Initial searches of our Information Management Systems for documents authored by key officials have identified approximately 240 documents that may be in scope of your request. This number does not include other documents and correspondence, held or authored by other officials, of which there is likely to be a significant volume. To respond to your request – even partially – each of these 240 documents would need to be manually assessed. Meanwhile, a complete response would require the identification and assessment of additional material, which would further increase the substantive collation and research.

Given the extent of the work required to collate and assess the information, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as processing it would unreasonably impact DPMC's ability to carry out its day-to-day operations. We have considered options such as extending the timeframe for response, refining the timeframe of the request or imposing a charge, but

have determined that none of these options would sufficiently alleviate the administrative burden involved.

Information publicly available


The following information is also covered by your request and is publicly available on the DPMC website. I hope this information is of use to you.

Item	Date	Document description	Website address
1	27 November 2023	Proactive Release: Enhancing Critical Infrastructure Resilience	https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/publications/proactive-release-enhancing-critical-infrastructure-resilience
2	16 April 2025	Official Information Act request relating to various documents regarding critical infrastructure and resilience	https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2025-05/dPMC-roia-oia-2024-25-0655.pdf

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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