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Ref: OIA-2025/26-0637

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request: formal advice to the Minister for Infrastructure on critical infrastructure resilience

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 4 April 2026. You requested:

1. *“please provide the titles of briefings provided to the Minister for Infrastructure on the critical infrastructure programme between August 2023 and August 2025 (excluding work on cyber resilience). By critical infrastructure programme, I mean the work related to the release of this discussion document as part of Phase 1: <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-programmes/national-security/critical-infrastructure/critical-infrastructure-resilience>”*
2. *please provide a briefing or other form of advice (ie A3 or memo) to the Minister for Infrastructure on whether to progress the critical infrastructure resilience work programme with a focus on 'all hazards and all risks' or significantly change its scope, including any assessment of risks associated with changing its scope.*

Happy to refine request further if required.”

On 8 April, you refined your request to be for:

1. *The titles of briefings provided to the Minister for Infrastructure on the critical infrastructure programme between 27 October 2023 and 31 August 2025 (excluding work on cyber resilience).*
2. *Any briefing or other form of advice (e.g., A3 or memo) provided to the Minister for Infrastructure between 27 October 2023 and 31 August 2025 on whether to progress the critical infrastructure resilience work programme with a focus on "all hazards and all risks" or significantly change its scope, including any assessment of risks associated with changing its scope.*

Background

The Prime Minister transferred responsibility for the critical infrastructure work programme from the Minister for National Security and Intelligence to the Minister for Infrastructure on 13 February 2024. On 28 January 2025, the programme was transferred back to the Minister for National Security and Intelligence. DPMC did not provide any formal advice to the Minister for Infrastructure outside this period. Accordingly, relevant information is limited to the period 13 February 2024 – 28 January 2025 (inclusive).

Please note that DPMC can only respond to your request insofar as it concerns information held by us. Accordingly, we have interpreted your request to be.

Part 1

Identified as in scope of this part of your request are the following formal briefings about critical infrastructure, provided by DPMC to the Minister for Infrastructure, Hon Chris Bishop. I have decided to release the titles of these to you below:

Item	Date	Title	Decision
1	22 February 2024	DPMC-2023/24-794 – Aide-Memoire: Critical infrastructure resilience – overview and upcoming milestones:	Release title
2	8 May 2024	DPMC-2023/24-1208 – Report: Update on the Critical Infrastructure Resilience System	Release title
3	18 June 2024	DPMC-2023-24-1257 – Briefing: Draft Cabinet paper – Enhancing New Zealand's critical infrastructure resilience – approval to release discussion document	Release title
4	24 July 2024	DPMC-2024/25-70 – Aide-Memoire: Critical Infrastructure Resilience – materials for ECO and public engagement:	Release title
5	11 September 2024	DPMC-2024/25-114 – Briefing: Options to progress work on critical infrastructure resilience	Release title

Part 2 – extension

As consultations are necessary to reach a decision on this part of your request, I am extending the time limits for responding by 20 working days under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act. The revised due date for DPMC's response to Part 2 of your request is 3 June 2026. Notwithstanding this extension, we will provide our response as soon as reasonably practicable.

Partial transfer to Te Waihanga | The Infrastructure Commission

Finally, I have decided to partially transfer both parts of your request to Te Waihanga | The Infrastructure Commission, under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, insofar as these relate to relevant information it has provided to the Minister for Infrastructure.

I apologise for the delay in identifying the need for this partial transfer. This was due to the consultations required to determine the appropriate handling of information identified as potentially in scope of your request. As the standard timeframe for transfer has elapsed, I have extended this under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act.

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 DPMC 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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