



25 May 2025

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0644

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request relating to Fuel advice

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 10 April 2026. You requested:

1. *“All agenda items, minutes, papers, or decisions relating to fuel or energy supply security from meetings of ODESC or the National Security Policy Group from 1 January 2025 to 28 February 2026.*
2. *All briefings provided to the Prime Minister by DPMC on fuel security, energy security, or economic resilience risks from Middle East conflict, from 12 June 2025 to 28 February 2026.*
3. *Any documents relating to the establishment of the Ministerial Economic Security and Supply Chains Group (announced 11 March 2026), including any pre-crisis work that informed its design, terms of reference, and membership.*
4. *All documents relating to DPMC's input into the Fuel Security Plan consultation process (November 2025), and any advice DPMC provided on fuel security scenarios to MBIE between June and November 2025.*

Where a document that falls under scope of this request cannot be released, please supply a summary of that document's contents. Where any document falls under the scope of this request, please release it in full, including sections which might otherwise be considered out of scope.”

On 21 April, we notified you of our decision to transfer Part 3 of your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE).

On 8 May, we notified you of our decision to extend the timeframes for responding to your request, and that we had also identified the need for a partial transfer of Part 1 of your request to MBIE.

Following that extension, we are now in a position to respond to Parts 2 and 4 of your request, as well as the remainder of Part 1.

Part 1

Two ODESC system meetings held within the specified timeframe included information relevant to this part of your request. However, the majority of the content in the associated meeting documents falls outside the scope of the question. For this reason, and in accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the Act, the relevant in-scope information has been extracted and is reproduced below.

Extract of an email summarising the actions arising from an Inter-agency Working Group meeting on 17 June 2025

Action Item 1: MFAT to coordinate other agencies to consider what regional escalation and other scenarios impacting New Zealanders and New Zealand

interests (such as radiation impacts from direct hits on nuclear facilities, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz etc) might look like, and any associated strategic risk identification.

This action was also captured in an email to the Watch Group Chair on the same day:

At my request, MFAT will coordinate agencies to consider what regional escalation and other scenarios impacting New Zealanders and New Zealand interests (such as radiation impacts from direct hits on nuclear facilities, closure of the Strait of Hormuz etc) might look like and associated strategic risk identification.

Extract from minutes of a Watch Group meeting on 23 June 2025

11. Agencies discussed the potential domestic implications of the current conflict, noting economic impacts may be widespread and complex. Specifically, should the Strait of Hormuz be closed, the indirect global impacts could include spike in fuel prices with follow on effects to businesses and consumers (import and exports), supply chain demands and travel disruptions.

12. The Watch Group agreed it would be useful to do scenario-based consideration of the economic impacts related to a possible closure of the Strait of Hormuz, to include relevant agencies such as The Treasury New Zealand and New Zealand Trade and Enterprise. This would seek to determine most likely and/or worst-case implications for New Zealand.

13. MBIE noted a paper had been provided recently to their Minister/s discussing impacts of the conflict on the global oil market. MBIE undertook to share this with the Watch Group for awareness and to inform future discussion.

[...]

Action 3: MBIE to share the two papers provided to the Minister of Energy with Watch Group agencies.

For the remainder of this part of your request, refer you to the forthcoming response from MBIE.

Part 2

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, and are withheld in their entirety under the following sections of the Act:

- 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- 9(2)(f)(i) to maintain collective and individual ministerial responsibility
- 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 4

We have interpreted this part of your request as seeking correspondence from DPMC to MBIE where DPMC provided feedback, views, or advice on the Fuel Security Plan and associated fuel security scenarios during the specified period.

Identified as within scope of this part of your request are three emails from DPMC officials providing comments to MBIE on its draft Fuel Security Plan consultation material. The attachments to two of these emails comprise draft versions of the Fuel Security Plan. As the

'final' draft Fuel Security Plan used for consultation is publicly available on MBIE's website, I am refusing the attachments to these emails under section 18(d) of the Act.

I note that the DPMC comments on these drafts, including any tracked changes, are limited in nature and are substantively reflected within the body of the emails themselves. These emails are released below. I consider that this approach satisfies section 16(1) of the Act, as it provides the relevant information to you in a form that is both efficient and does not require the release of duplicate material that is already publicly available.

As set out in the table below, the emails are released subject to limited redactions under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(ii), and 9(2)(k) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons, to prevent improper pressure or harassment, and to prevent disclosure or use for improper gain or advantage. Some information is not in scope of your request and is marked accordingly.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	3 October 2025	Email from DPMC to MBIE (including attachment)	Release email, some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii). <i>Attachment refused under section 18(d).</i>
2	30 June 2025	Email from DPMC to MBIE	Release email, some information withheld under section 9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(ii), and 9(2)(k).
3	25 June 2025	Email from DPMC to MBIE (including attachment)	Release email, some information withheld under section 9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(ii), and 9(2)(k). <i>Attachment refused under section 18(d).</i>

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.

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



Jeremy Clarke-Watson
Deputy Chief Executive
National Security and Resilience

Sent: Friday, 3 October 2025 11:22 am

To: Kasturi Sukhpure <Kasturi.Sukhpure@mbie.govt.nz>

Cc: Nicky Eaton [DPMC] <Nicky.Eaton@dpmc.govt.nz>; Marika Hughes <marika.hughes@dpmc.govt.nz>; Adam Dubas [DPMC] <Adam.Dubas@dpmc.govt.nz>; Halia Haddad [DPMC] <Halia.Haddad@dpmc.govt.nz>

Subject: DPMC Feedback - Releasing the Fuel Plan draft Cabinet Paper

Kia ora Kasturi,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide further feedback. As you will know DPMC are very supportive of this work (and the design version of the Plan looks great!).

We have spotted a few things that require addressing and where we'd like further clarification:

Fuel Security Plan

- There are several references to the plan being tested annually through national exercises to ensure readiness. The reference on page 1 is correct, however the references on pgs 8/13/14 (which say "*Test the National Fuel Plan at least once a year through the National Exercise Programme, where relevant, and participation in fuel sector exercises*") should be changed to "*Test the National Fuel Plan in a national-level exercise at least once a year, and participation in fuel sector exercises*" to reflect the agency led nature of these exercises. **Marika** (cc'd) will be able to provide further explanation on this if needed

Cabinet paper

- Not sure what is meant by Para 13, could you please clarify with regard to the National Risk and Resilience Framework and catastrophic event planning?
 - "*Some operational matters raised by submitters will be referred to in other relevant workstreams, such as the National Risk and Resilience Framework, catastrophic event planning and future updates to the National Fuel Plan.*"
- Para 24, please change to DPMC was consulted rather than informed given our involvement in the work so far. IF you are referring to PAG being informed then you can always say DPMC National Security and Resilience Group was consulted and PAG was informed.

Many thanks and please reach out if you want to discuss any of the above.

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii) [DPMC]
To: [Kasturi Sukhapure](mailto:Kasturi.Sukhapure@mbie.govt.nz)
Subject: RE: [URL SCANNING ERROR]FW: Feedback by 25 June - Draft Fuel Security Plan
Date: Monday, 30 June 2025 4:12:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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From: s9(2)(g)(ii) [@dpmc.govt.nz](mailto:s9(2)(g)(ii)@dpmc.govt.nz)
Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 11:44 am
To: Kasturi Sukhapure <Kasturi.Sukhapure@mbie.govt.nz>
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Subject: RE: [URL SCANNING ERROR]FW: Feedback by 25 June - Draft Fuel Security Plan

Hi Kasturi,

No problem and happy to support efforts here

Acknowledge your point about not wanting to add sub-actions, totally fine. I request minor wording tweaks below however (to ensure this reads as Government's plan i.e. rather than saying government participates in the NEP, when Government is the one delivering the NEP):

- 2.1 Monitor fuel-related risks on the National Risk Register, as part of delivering the National Risk and Resilience Framework.
- 2.2 Test the National Fuel Plan at least once a year through the National Exercise Programme where relevant and participation in fuel sector exercises.

Thanks,
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From: s9(2)(g)(ii) <[REDACTED]@dpmc.govt.nz>
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Please let me know if you have any questions on the above.

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Warm regards,

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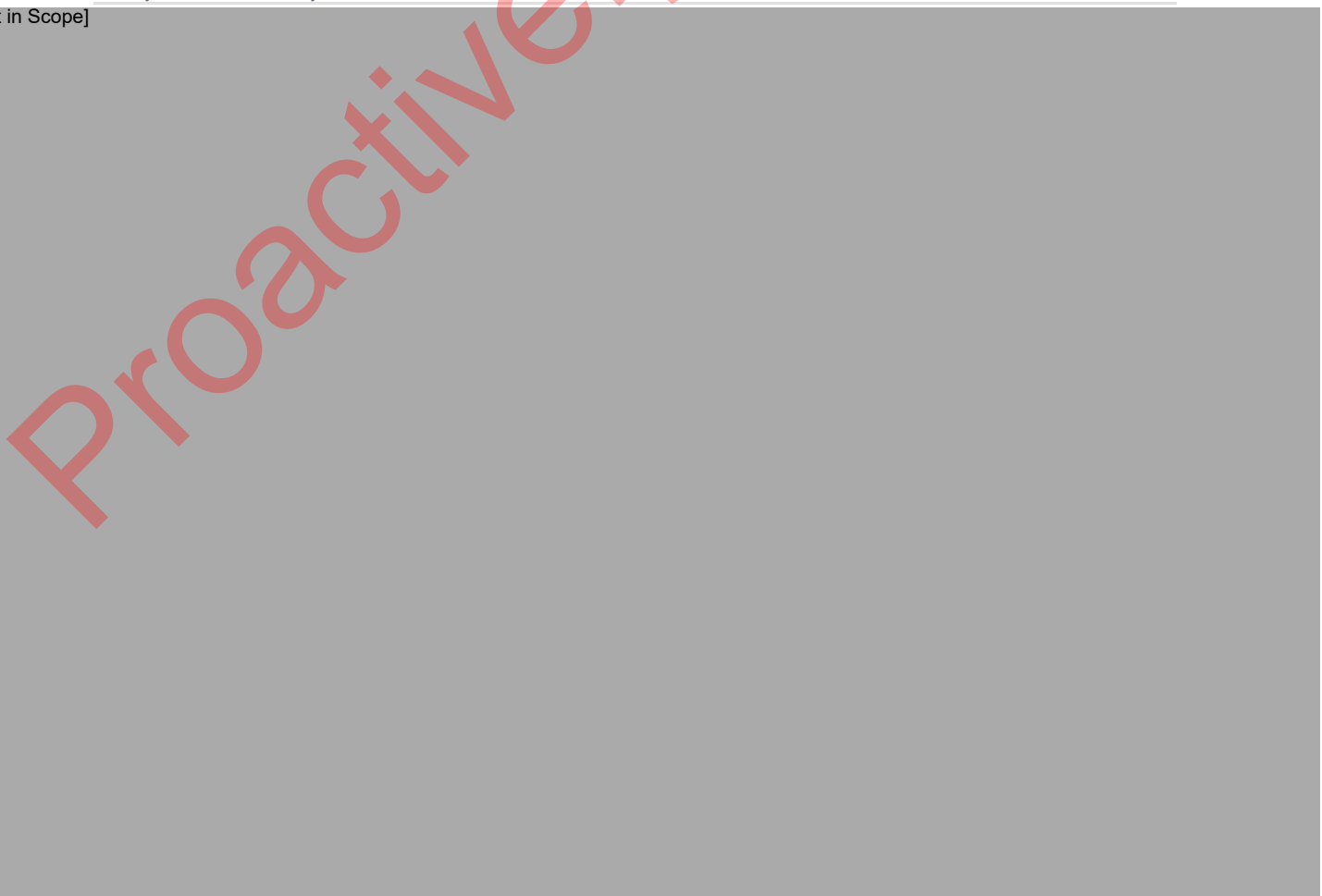
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Subject: FW: Feedback by 25 June - Draft Fuel Security Plan
Date: Wednesday, 25 June 2025 5:19:00 pm
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[DPMC RSGG feedback on Draft Fuel Security Plan v2 - for agency feedback.docx](#)

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