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Tēnā koe 

Official Information Act request: Information relating to phases 3 and 4 of the National Fuel Plan

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 21 April 2026. You requested:

"...all briefings, advice, and ministerial submissions prepared by our agency concerning fuel rationing under phases 3 and 4 of the National Fuel Plan, including any advice on the prioritisation of sectors or operators and any alternative options presented to Ministers.

The relevant period is 1 January 2026 to the date of response."

Ordinarily, we would partially transfer your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, the Ministry of Transport, and the Treasury under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as the information sought is more closely connected with the functions of those agencies. As you have already made your request to those agencies directly, I instead refer you to their forthcoming responses.

The present response covers any additional material held by DPMC that would not be addressed by the responses from these agencies.

Information to be withheld

Identified as relevant to 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:

- 9(2)(f)(i), 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.

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



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