DEPARTMENT OF THE
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET
TE TARI O TE PIRIMIA ME TE KOMITI MATUA

22 June 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0750

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Tēnā koe [redacted],

Official Information Act request relating to Cabinet coordination on Budget 2026 savings

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 22 May 2026. You requested:

> *I request copies of the following under the OIA:*
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> *1. Any briefing, aide-memoire, or report prepared for the Prime Minister between 1 January 2026 and present concerning the Budget 2026 public sector savings package or associated workforce reductions.*
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> *2. Cabinet papers, and the associated Cabinet committee minutes, relating to the Budget 2026 savings package and public service workforce changes announced on 19 May 2026.*
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> *3. Any correspondence between DPMC and the Treasury or the Public Service Commission between 1 March 2026 and present concerning the announcement or implementation of the savings package.*

On 28 May 2026, we advised you that we had transferred part [2] of your request to the Minister of Finance, Hon Nicola Willis, and the Minister for the Public Service and Digitising Government, Hon Paul Goldsmith, under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as it is more closely connected to their respective functions. Both Ministers will respond to you directly with any information they may hold.

Information to be withheld

Searches were completed of our Information Management Systems for material related to parts [1] and [3] of your request. The only information identified as relevant to these parts 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)(ii), 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.

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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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