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

8 June 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0773

Tēnā koe ,

Official Information Act request relating to the development, drafting, or policy rationale of the Legislation (Definitions of Woman and Man) Amendment Bill

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 29 May 2026. You requested:

> *"[…] copies of any communications, briefing material, departmental advice, aide-mémoire, meeting notes, draft material, stakeholder engagement records, or correspondence held by DPMC relating to the development, drafting, or policy rationale of the Legislation (Definitions of Woman and Man) Amendment Bill.*
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> *In particular, I request any records relating to communications or engagement between DPMC and:*
> *(a) Jenny Marcroft MP, NZ First, or officials concerning the bill; and/or*
> *(b) Family First New Zealand and/or Bob McCoskrie concerning the bill.*
>
> *Please also identify any external stakeholders consulted or engaged with in relation to this bill. For clarity, I am interested in material from 1 January 2025 to the date of this request, and require it with urgency due to public submissions being due shortly."*

DPMC can only respond to your request with respect to information it holds. As such, I have interpreted your request as seeking the following types of information related to the Legislation (Definitions of Woman and Man) Amendment Bill (the Bill) for the period 1 January 2025 – 29 May 2026:

- any formal advice provided by DPMC;
- all communications with the following parties
  - other government agencies;
  - Jenny Marcroft MP;
  - NZ First;
  - Family First New Zealand; and/or
  - Bob McCoskrie.

DPMC has conducted a search of its information management systems and has not found any information within scope of your request. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

Background

It may be helpful to note that this is a Member's Bill rather than a Government Bill. While not subject to the Act, you can write to the Member of Parliament responsible for the Bill if you would like further information on the Bill or policy development process. The Member of Parliament's contact details are listed on the Parliament website and are available at this link: https://www3.parliament.nz/en/mps-and-electorates/members-of-parliament/marcroft-jenny/

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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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