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

24 June 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0775

Tēnā koe ,

Official Information Act request relating to risk assessments arising from interactions with Fonterra or Z Energy regarding the Smith v Fonterra case

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 28 May 2026. You requested:

> "*Please provide all risk assessments prepared for the PMO or Cabinet Office relating to:*
> - *litigation risk*
> - *constitutional risk*
> - *public perception risk*
> - *process integrity risk*
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> *…arising from interactions with Fonterra or Z Energy regarding the Smith case. Timeframe: 1 January 2024 – 30 April 2024*."

I have understood your request to be for any relevant risk assessments prepared or held by DPMC and that "PMO" is the Prime Minister's office. I note that Cabinet Office is a business unit within DPMC.

Searches have been undertaken of our records within the timeframe of your request and checks made with relevant staff. No risk assessments prepared for the Prime Minister's office or the Cabinet Office arising from interactions with Fonterra or Z Energy regarding the Smith v Fonterra litigation have been identified.

Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act on the basis that the requested information does not exist.

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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