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

25 June 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0800

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Tēnā koe [redacted],

Official Information Act request relating to Cabinet consideration of the Identity Verification Code of Practice 2026

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 5 June 2026. You requested:

> *"I request the following official information held by the Cabinet Office or the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet:*
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> *1. Any Cabinet paper and any Cabinet committee paper concerning the IVCoP 2026, including the one-page summary or executive summary, any coversheet, and all appendices and annexes.*
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> *2. Any Cabinet minute and any Cabinet committee minute recording consideration or a decision on the IVCoP 2026, identified by reference where possible.*
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> *3. Any summary, briefing or note prepared by the Cabinet Office on the IVCoP 2026 paper for the relevant Cabinet committee, and the relevant committee agenda item.*
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> *4. Any Regulatory Impact Statement, regulatory impact analysis, or quality assurance assessment attached to or circulated with the Cabinet paper.*
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> *5. The responsible Minister's stated intention on proactive release of the paper, and any decision to delay or withhold proactive release of the paper or minute, together with the reasons recorded for that decision.*
>
> *6. Any advice held by the Cabinet Office or the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on whether the IVCoP 2026 is consistent with ss.13 and 15 of the AML/CFT Act 2009, or on whether the code is within the powers conferred by that Act.*
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> *I ask that the information be provided in electronic form.*
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> *If any part of this request is refused, please give your reasons and the statutory ground relied on, as required by s19 of the OIA. If you consider that another agency holds, or is more closely connected to, any item, please transfer that part under s14 of the OIA and tell me that you have done so.*
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> *If any item is withheld to protect collective ministerial responsibility under s9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA, please weigh that interest against the public interest in release under s9(1). The IVCoP applies to every reporting entity that verifies the identity of a natural person. Whether a voluntary code lawfully imports obligations beyond the Act, and whether Cabinet was accurately advised on that question, is a matter of significant public interest. I also note the policy that Cabinet papers and minutes are to be proactively released within 30 business days of a decision being confirmed."*

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On 15 June 2026, we informed you that Parts 1, 2, 4, and 5 of your request had been transferred to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon Brooke van Velden, as these parts are more closely connected to her portfolio responsibilities. This response covers the remainder of your request, being Parts 3 and 6.

Searches of our Information Management Systems for information relevant to Part 3 and 6 of your request have been completed and nothing has been identified. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested 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



Alan Cassidy
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