



3 July 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0810

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request relating to impact on public service overhaul

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 11 June 2026. You requested:

For specificity, "Public service overhaul" is in reference to this announcement specifically and no other announced public service cuts in the past [Public service to be overhauled | Beehive.govt.nz](#)

Under the OIA, could you please provide the following:

- 1. What is the expected timeline of implementing the Government's public service overhaul targets within your agency, and when you expect to consult staff on restructures if you have not done so already?*
- 2. Whether your agency is planning on or considering to cut any roles located in the Northland region, and if so, how many, and what specific roles?*
- 3. Whether your agency is planning on or considering to cut any Māori specific roles, and if so, how many, and what specific roles?*
- 4. Whether your agency is planning on or considering to cut any staffing who have identified to Whakapapa Māori, and if so, how many, and what specific roles?*
- 5. What advice, including briefings, weekly reports, aide memoirs, or any other written advice, has been given to your leadership team or relevant Minister on the impact of cuts to any regional delivery programmes of work, if any?*
- 6. What advice, including briefings, weekly reports, aide memoirs, or any other written advice has been given to their leadership team or their Minister on any Māori workforce impacts of restructures to implement public service job cuts, if any?*

I have numbered your request for ease of reference.

Information publicly available

The following information relates to parts [1] – [4] of your request and is publicly available on the Parliament website:

Item	Date	Document description	Website address
1	16 June 2026	Answer to Written Parliamentary Question (WPQ) 21182 (2026)	21182 (2026). Camilla Belich to the Prime Minister

Below is a screenshot of WPQ 21182 (2026):

21182 (2026). Camilla Belich to the Prime Minister

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Written Question

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21182 (2026). Camilla Belich to the Prime Minister: On what date, if at all, did the Minister first receive advice from the Government Chief Digital Officer, the Public Service Commissioner, the Privacy Commissioner, Treasury, or any other agency regarding the feasibility, cost, delivery risk, timeframes, and limitations of substituting AI tools for the roles being disestablished as part of savings made in Budget 2026 for votes the Minister is responsible for, if any, and what did that advice say, and will the Minister release it, broken down by agency, department, Crown entity, company, or other organisation for which the Minister is responsible?

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon: In my capacity as Prime Minister I am the responsible minister for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and Vote Minister for Prime Minister and Cabinet. As part of Budget 26, Cabinet has agreed to a programme of reform aimed at transforming the public service to streamline how it is organised, accelerate digital transformation, strengthen leadership and talent and improve efficiency and productivity. Ministers have asked Chief Executives to work through what this means for their organisations. My department is working through this request and will work with the relevant agencies, unions and other stakeholders as required, and brief me at the relevant time. Specific decisions on how these reforms will be achieved by agencies have not yet been made. I have not received advice from the Government Chief Digital Officer, the Public Service Commissioner, the Privacy Commissioner, Treasury or from officials in DPMC of the type outlined. The Budget will be followed by a proactive release of documents informing budget decisions, including advice related to public sector transformation.

Searches have been completed of our Information Management Systems, and nothing has been identified as relevant to parts [5] and [6] of your request therefore it 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

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