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Ref: OIA-2025/26-0811

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request relating to Follow up Australia-New Zealand Climate and Finance Ministers relationship

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 10 June 2026. You requested:

Thank you for your response of 10 June 2026.

I appreciate DPMC's clarification that the reference to an "all of Government process on the recommendations" relates to engagement between New Zealand government agencies and the Australia-New Zealand Leadership Forum (ANZLF), and that DPMC is leading coordination of agencies on a series of initiatives to advance economic collaboration across the Tasman.

However, I remain concerned that DPMC's response does not appear to reconcile that explanation with the scope of my original request.

My original request did not seek only material formally categorised as part of the 2+2 process. Rather, it sought information relating to governance, coordination, implementation, oversight and reporting structures associated with the implementation architecture referenced in Treasury document T2024/152, including any wider all-of-government coordination processes.

In your response, DPMC states:

"DPMC is the steward of the relationship with the ANZLF and is leading coordination of agencies on the work on a series of initiatives to advance economic collaboration across the Tasman. These may include economic security, trade, climate, and strategic coordination matters."

That statement appears to acknowledge the existence of:

- a coordinated programme of work;*
- multiple participating agencies;*
- DPMC-led coordination activity; and*
- initiatives involving climate, economic security, trade and strategic coordination.*

Accordingly, that explanation appears to describe exactly the type of governance, coordination, implementation and oversight activity that formed the basis of my original request.

It is therefore difficult to reconcile DPMC's acknowledgement of its role in leading coordination of agencies on a series of initiatives with the conclusion that no responsive information exists in relation to my original request.

Even accepting DPMC's position that the "all of Government process" referred to in the released material relates to ANZLF engagement rather than the formal 2+2 process, it

remains unclear how records concerning DPMC's coordination role would fall outside the scope of my original request, given that the request expressly referred to governance, coordination, implementation, oversight structures and wider all-of-government coordination processes.

The central issue is therefore not whether the relevant activity is characterised as ANZLF-related or 2+2-related. Rather, it is how DPMC's acknowledged role in leading coordination of agencies on a series of trans-Tasman initiatives can be reconciled with the conclusion that no responsive governance, coordination, implementation, oversight or reporting material exists.

In light of the explanation now provided, I respectfully ask that DPMC reconsider whether the decision reached on my original request remains appropriate.

At this stage DPMC's engagement with the ANZLF and its general coordination with agencies in response to their report has been on a limited 'as needed' basis, with agencies meeting as required. While it is possible arrangements could be formalised in future, there is currently no formal working group, Terms of Reference or governance structure

Therefore, our decision provided to you regarding OIA 2025/26-777 and OIA 2025/26-727 remains appropriate.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

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Nāku noa, nā


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