



16 July 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0830

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request relating to non-disclosure use since 23 November 2023

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 17 June 2026. You requested:

"Since 23 November 2023:

1. *How many working groups, advisory groups, reference groups, expert panels, stakeholder groups, or similar bodies administered by your agency have required participants to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA), confidentiality agreement, or confidentiality undertaking as a condition of participation?*
2. *Please provide the figure for each of:*
 - a. *23 November 2023 to 31 December 2023*
 - b. *2024*
 - c. *2025*
 - d. *2026 to date*
3. *Please provide any current policy, guidance, or criteria governing when such agreements may be required."*

DPMC has interpreted your request to be relating to individuals appointed to working groups, advisory groups, reference groups, expert panels, stakeholder groups or similar bodies that are administered by DPMC.

Appointees to bodies administered by DPMC are required to sign a letter of acceptance which includes a statement of confidentiality. More information on the appointment process can be found at: <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/publications/appointments-process>.

In addition, where DPMC enters into a contract for service with individuals it uses New Zealand Government Procurement contract templates. These templates include clauses relating to confidentiality, such as clause 13 in the *GMC Form 2 non-Crown SERVICES | Schedule 2* template: <https://www.procurement.govt.nz/assets/procurement-property/documents/templates/services-schedule-2-contract-form-2-non-crown-government-model.pdf>.

The table below provides the number of participants for each of the relevant periods in your request, broken down by working group, advisory group, reference group, expert panel, stakeholder group, or similar body (referred to as *body* in the table) which are administered by DPMC. Please note that the participants listed in the table below are appointed for multiple years.

Name of body	Number of participants from 23 November-31 December 2023	Number of participants in the 2024 calendar year	Number of participants in the 2025 calendar year	Number of participants 1 January-17 June 2026
Severe Weather Events Recovery Legislation Act Review Panel	11	10	10	10
Risk and Assurance Committee	4	3	4	4
Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	1	1	1	1
Deputy Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	1	1	1	1
Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Advisory Panel	2	2	2	2
Commissioners of Intelligence Warrants	3	3	3	3
Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Review Panel	6	6	5	5
Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce	8	8	0	0
Kāpuia	28	28	0	0
Prime Minister's Chief Science Adviser	1	1	0	0
Total number of participants	65	63	26	26

Please note that the Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Taskforce concluded in February 2024, Kāpuia was disestablished in June 2024, and administration of the Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Review Panel transferred to the Treasury in November 2025.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Cassidy', is positioned above the printed name.

Alan Cassidy
Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate and Chief People Officer

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