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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request relating to processes for assessing threats to the Prime Minister

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 26 June 2026. You requested:

"Under the Official Information Act 1982 I request the following information:

1. What process does DPMC follow when public material appears that directly invites people to visualise or physically enact violence against the Prime Minister (for example, videos in which a person punches an object while stating that the object represents the Prime Minister and encourages others to imagine the same)?

2. Does DPMC's protective security team assess or refer such material to Police for consideration?

3. What criteria are used to decide whether public content of this nature requires follow-up or referral?

I am happy to clarify or narrow this request if required. I prefer to receive any information electronically."

DPMC does not have a role in assessing threats or providing protective security functions for the Prime Minister. Your request therefore is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

We advise that Parliamentary Service supports the security of the Prime Minister, Ministers, members of Parliament, staff, and visitors within the Parliamentary precinct through a range of security, risk management, and advisory functions. This includes maintaining physical security measures, monitoring the Parliamentary environment, managing access control, assessing and responding to security incidents, and providing advice to members and offices on security matters.

Parliamentary Service works closely with New Zealand Police and other government agencies to support the safe operation of Parliament and to ensure that security risks affecting the Parliamentary precinct are appropriately managed. Where concerns relating to the safety or security of members, including the Prime Minister and Ministers, are identified, Parliamentary Service undertakes assessment and coordination activities and contributes relevant information to partner agencies responsible for protective security and law enforcement functions.

For security reasons, Parliamentary Service does not publicly disclose detailed threat assessment methodologies, operational procedures, security protocols, or specific mitigation measures to protect the effectiveness of Parliamentary security operations and the safety of those who work on or visit the Parliamentary precinct.

Please note that Parliamentary Service is not subject to the provisions of the Act, and therefore we have not transferred your request to Parliamentary Service.

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 and title.

Alan Cassidy
Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate and Chief People Officer