



CABINET OFFICE

27 July 2026

Ref: OIA-2026/27-0016

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request relating to Cabinet and Ministerial Decisions on Schedule 2 Project Selection

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 3 July 2026. You requested:

1. *Cabinet papers, Cabinet minutes, Cabinet committee papers, Cabinet Office advice, or other formal records establishing which Minister or Ministers were Any authorised to determine or recommend the projects ultimately included in Schedule 2 following completion of the Independent Fast-track Projects Advisory Group process.*
2. *Any Cabinet Office advice, briefing, aide-mémoire, or other formal guidance describing the Ministerial and Cabinet decision-making framework that applied following completion of the Independent Fast-track Projects Advisory Group's assessment through to Cabinet's confirmation of the final Schedule 2 list.*
3. *Any formal records identifying whether, and if so how, Ministers exercised discretion, determined, prioritised, or otherwise modified the final Schedule 2 list beyond the recommendations of the Independent Fast-track Projects Advisory Group, including any description of the authority under which that decision-making was exercised.*

On 17 July 2026, you were advised that question [1] (except for the portion for *Cabinet Office advice*) and question [3] of your request had been transferred to Hon Chris Bishop under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as they are more closely connected to his functions as Minister Responsible for RMA Reform. Minister Bishop will respond to you directly with any information he may hold.

This response speaks to the remainder of your request, which covers both any *Cabinet Office advice* relating to question [1] and all of question [2].

We have interpreted this request to exclude any information DPMC holds relating to conflicts of interest in the context of the Fast-Track Approvals Act, as this does not fall within the

scope of 'advice or formal records establishing which Minister/s were authorised to determine/recommend the projects included in Schedule 2 following completion of the Independent Fast-track Projects Advisory Group process', nor is it material that describes the Ministerial/Cabinet-decision making framework requested.

Searches by my office for any documents relevant to your request have returned no relevant information. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the documents requested do 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



Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet