DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET
TE TARI O TE PIRIMIA ME TE KOMITI MATUA

13 August 2026

Ref: OIA-2026/27-0048

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Tēnā koe [redacted],

Official Information Act request relating to the use of fitness-tracking applications, wearable devices, or location-sharing by Dignitary Protection Service staff

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 20 July 2026. You requested:

> *"1. Any current policy, guidance or instructions relating to the use of fitness-tracking applications, GPS-enabled wearable devices or location-sharing by staff involved in ministerial or Prime Ministerial support or protective security.*
> *2. Any current risk assessment, aide memoire, briefing paper or similar document relating to the operational security risks posed by fitness-tracking applications, GPS-enabled wearable devices or location-sharing in relation to ministerial or Prime Ministerial protection.*
> *3. Since 1 January 2023, has DPMC been notified of any incidents or security concerns involving the public disclosure of location information through fitness-tracking applications or wearable devices relating to ministers, the Prime Minister or protective security arrangements? If so, please provide the number of incidents and any summary reports."*

Parts one and two of your request are more closely connected to the functions of the New Zealand Police. Ordinarily, I would have transferred these parts under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act; however, as I understand that the Police have already received this request, I instead refer you to their response.

DPMC has conducted searches of its information management systems and has found no results related to part three of your request. Part three of your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

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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