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

19 August 2026

Ref: OIA-2026/27-0090

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Tēnā koe [redacted]

Official Information Act request relating to Royal Commission of Inquiry recommendations

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 31 July 2026. You requested:

> *"1. The most recent internal status report or advice to Ministers on implementation of the Royal Commission of Inquiry recommendations relating to the intelligence and security agencies (including recommendations concerning resource allocation, threat assessment, and institutional arrangements).*
> *2. Documents recording the decision not to establish a new national intelligence and security agency (Recommendation 2) and the alternative arrangements put in place.*
> *3. Any evaluation of whether the changes made since 2020 have improved detection of right-wing extremist threats. I prefer electronic delivery by email. Please contact me if clarifying the scope would help."*

On 7 August 2026, I transferred Part 3 of your request to the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS). This response covers the remainder of your request.

The Cabinet paper and Cabinet minutes titled *Concluding the Coordinated Government Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Attacks on Christchurch Mosques* were identified as relevant to Parts 1 and 2 of your request. These documents are publicly available on DPMC's website: https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2024-08/pr-fps-24-sub-0019-concluding-coordinated-govt-response-rcoi.pdf. Parts 1 and 2 of your request are therefore partially refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

A small amount of relevant material withheld at the time of the proactive release is now suitable for release, as set out below (paragraph 20, page 5 refers):

> *"The terrorist threat environment has continued to evolve since 15 March 2019 and is influenced by a diverse range of ideologies, overseas events, and grievances."*

No additional material relevant to your request has been identified.

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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