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

24 August 2026

Ref: OIA-2026/27-0095

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Tēnā koe [redacted]

Official Information Act request relating to Declassified or publicly releasable assessments

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 1 August 2026. You requested:

> *"Any declassified or publicly releasable assessments or briefings produced since 1 January 2023 concerning the nature and scale of foreign interference or influence activities targeting New Zealand (excluding purely operational detail).*
> *Reply by email."*

Please note that DPMC can only respond to your request insofar as it relates to information held by it. We have therefore interpreted your request as seeking unclassified assessments or formal briefings produced by DPMC since 1 January 2023 on foreign interference or influence activities targeting New Zealand.

DPMC has undertaken searches for information within the scope of your request and consulted relevant business units. No unclassified or publicly releasable assessments or formal briefings of the type described in your request have been identified. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the documents sought do not exist.

While not in scope of your request, you may be interested in the following information, which is publicly available on DPMC's website:

- https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/national-security/countering-foreign-interference
- https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2022-10/Draft%20National%20Security%20Long-term%20Insights%20Briefing_1.pdf.

If you are seeking information that you believe may be held by another agency or Minister of the Crown, you may wish to make a request directly to that agency or Minister. Information about government agencies and the types of official information they hold is available through the Ministry of Justice's Directory of Official Information: https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/directory-of-official-information/.

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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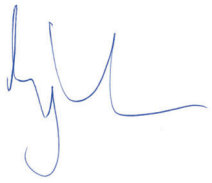

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