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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0290

Dear 

**Official Information Act request seeking a list of current Ministerial Advisory Committees**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 13 November 2023. You requested:

*a list of all the current Ministerial Advisory Committees*

DPMC does not hold a central list of all Ministerial Advisory Committees (MACs). Not all MACs are established following consideration by Cabinet. Accordingly, I refuse your request under section 18(g) of the Act, on the grounds that that the information requested is not held by the department, and I have no reason for believing that it is held by, or connected more closely with the functions of, another department.

While we are unable to provide a list of all the current Ministerial Advisory Committees, we have collated information that we do hold that is in scope of your request. Please see the below table which lists groups with the words “Ministerial Advisory” in their title that have been considered by Cabinet since August 2015, where that group has not subsequently been disestablished according to publicly available information. (Please note that there may be some additional groups that are in substance a Ministerial Advisory Committee but do not have the words “Ministerial Advisory” in the title or that were established prior to August 2015. In those cases, they will not have been identified by our search.)

Name	Web reference
Oranga Tamariki Ministerial Advisory Board	<a href="#">Ministerial Advisory Board   Oranga Tamariki — Ministry for Children</a>
Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade	<a href="#">Ministerial Strategic Advisory Group on Trade: Appointments CAB-23-MIN-0412   New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (mfat.govt.nz)</a>
Biosecurity Ministerial Advisory Committee	<a href="#">Biosecurity Ministerial Advisory Committee   NZ Government (mpi.govt.nz)</a>
Interim Ministerial Advisory Committee, Māori Climate Platform	<a href="#">Experts appointed to guide Māori-led climate action   Beehive.govt.nz</a>
Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group for the Elimination of Family and Sexual Violence	<a href="#">Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group   Te Puna Aonui</a>
Ministerial Advisory Group to Review School Staff Settings	<a href="#">Ministerial Advisory Group reviewing school staffing – Education in New Zealand</a>
Defence Policy Review Ministerial Advisory Panel	<a href="#">Ministerial Advisory Panel   Ministry of Defence Website</a>

Kāpuia (Ministerial Advisory Group on the Government Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Terrorist Attack on Christchurch Mosques)	<a href="#">Kāpuia – Ministerial Advisory Group   Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC)</a>
Ministerial Advisory Committee on Health Reform Implementation	<a href="#">Statutory entities, boards and committees   Ministry of Health NZ</a>

You may also be interested in the process for establishing MACs which you can find here: [Establishing a ministerial advisory committee - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission.](#)

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 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s 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.

Yours sincerely



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