

16 August 2024

Ref: OIA-2024/25-0056

Dear

Official Information Act request relating to confirmed and proposed policy changes

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 19 July 2024. You requested:

"I would like to request a list (bullet points are fine) of all the confirmed and proposed policy changes brought in by the current government since it assumed office."

Each Government department is responsible for developing its own advice to Ministers. This includes providing Ministers with free and frank advice on a range of options and their respective trade-offs for addressing policy matters. Cabinet and Ministers make decisions on policy matters.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) does not hold information relating to every proposed and confirmed policy change across all of Government. We have interpreted your request to be for information held by DPMC in our capacity as the responsible agency for the Prime Minister.

DPMC does hold information relating to the Coalition Government's 100-day plan, which set out 49 commitments the Government intended to action in their first 100 days. The 100-day plan and progress trackers are publicly available on the DPMC website, here:

- <u>Proactive Release CAB-23-SUB-0468: 100-Day Plan | Department of the Prime</u> <u>Minister and Cabinet (DPMC)</u>
- Proactive Release 100-23-SUB-0001: 100 Day Plan trackers | Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC)

The Coalition Government have set similar plans for quarter 2 and quarter 3, which are also publicly available on the DPMC website:

- Proactive Release CAB-24-SUB-0079: Quarter 2 Plan May 2024 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (dpmc.govt.nz)
- Proactive release CAB-24-SUB-0241: Quarter Three Plan July 2024 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC)

The progress updates for the quarter 2 plan will soon be publicly available on the DPMC website. Accordingly, I am refusing these documents under section 18(d) of the Act – the information requested will soon be publicly available. Please contact us if you have any difficulty finding the published material or if you require an update on the timeframe for publication.

The progress updates for quarter 3 are still under active consideration. Therefore, I am withholding these in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act - to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.

If you are interested in information relating to a specific policy, I recommend contacting the relevant Minister or responsible agency directly. You can find contact details for all Ministers and agencies below:

- <u>Ministers | Beehive.govt.nz</u>
- <u>Central government organisations Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission</u>

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

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 DPMC'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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