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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request relating to Māori Data Governance and Sovereignty

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 8 December 2024. You requested:

1. *How does your organisation define Māori data as opposed to non-Māori data?*
2. *Does your organisation have Māori Data Sovereignty and or a Māori Data Governance policy or strategy? If yes, I request a copy.*
3. *I also request a copy of your organisation Data Governance strategy/policy/policies?*
4. *Has your organisation had with any success or no/limited success, implementation of any Māori Data Sovereignty Principles or Māori Data Governance? If yes, please provide details of the implementation and how you measured its success.*
5. *How many .fte are allocated to Māori Data practices in your organisation?*
6. *What country/countries are the majority of your organisation's data stored?*
7. *Which Cloud Provider(s) do you use?*

I have responded to each of your questions in turn.

1. *How does your organisation define Māori data as opposed to non-Māori data?*

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) does not currently have a definition but will be working towards this as part of our Information Management work.

2. *Does your organisation have Māori Data Sovereignty and or a Māori Data Governance policy or strategy? If yes, I request a copy.*

DPMC does not have a Māori Data Sovereignty and/or a Māori Data Governance policy or strategy.

3. *I also request a copy of your organisation Data Governance strategy/policy/policies?*

DPMC is in the process of implementing an Information Governance Framework. Currently the policy behind this is in a draft format only and therefore it is withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials and,
- 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

4. Has your organisation had with any success or no/limited success, implementation of any Māori Data Sovereignty Principles or Māori Data Governance? If yes, please provide details of the implementation and how you measured its success.

I refer you to my answers to questions [2] and [3].

5. How many .fte are allocated to Māori Data practices in your organisation?

There are currently no FTE allocated to Māori data practices within DPMC.

6. What country/countries are the majority of your organisation's data stored?

The majority of DPMC's data is stored in Australia and New Zealand.

7. 7. Which Cloud Provider(s) do you use?

Most of DPMC's information technology services are funded and maintained by the Central Agencies Shared Services, part of the Treasury. It uses cloud services available under All-of-Government contracts.

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.

Nāku noa, nā,



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