



20 February 2025

Ref: OIA-2024/25-0626

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

### Official Information Act request relating to formal briefings supplied to the Prime Minister by DPMC

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 4 February 2025. You requested:

*"a list of all formal briefings sent to the Prime Minister by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet between 1-31 January 2025."*

I have interpreted your request as being for the titles of formal briefing documents (for example, reports, briefings, memoranda, aides-memoire) provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) to the Prime Minister, for the Prime Minister portfolio, on or between 1 and 31 January 2025.

#### Information to be released

For the period 1-19 January 2025, I have identified three formal briefing documents in scope of your request and have decided to release the titles and dates of these to you in full:

Item	Date	Document title	Decision
1	17/01/2025	Foreign honour for New Zealand citizens	Release date and title.
2	17/01/2025	Potential forfeiture of honours	Release date and title.
3	17/01/2025	Change to portfolio responsibilities assigned to the Minister for Infrastructure	Release date and title.

#### Information publicly available

For the periods 20-24 and 27-31 January 2025, the titles of formal briefing documents in scope of your request are, or will soon be, publicly available on the Parliament website in response to Written Parliamentary Questions 57 (2025) and 2540 (2025).

Item	Date	Document description	Website address
1	28/01/2025	Written Parliamentary Question 57 (2025)	<a href="#">57 (2025). Rt Hon Chris Hipkins to the Prime Minister</a>
2	03/02/2025	Written Parliamentary Question 2540 (2025)	<a href="#">2540 (2025). Rt Hon Chris Hipkins to the Prime Minister</a>

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the titles of formal briefings received by the Prime Minister during these periods under section 18(d) of the Act – the information requested is, or will soon be, publicly available.

Note that some information in these replies is withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of New Zealand.
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

### **Information to be withheld**

Also identified as relevant to your request are some briefings provided by the DPMC Policy Advisory Group to the Prime Minister. These briefings are provided to the Prime Minister in confidence to support him in his role as leader of the Government and chair of Cabinet. These briefings are withheld in their entirety under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of New Zealand.
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion
- section 9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privilege.

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 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,



Rachel Hayward  
**Secretary of the Cabinet**