



18 March 2025

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Ref: OIA-2024/25-0675

Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act request relating to funding to Hate and Extremism Insights Aotearoa

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 19 February 2025. You requested:

Dear Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, I see your department funds "Hate & Extremism Insights Aotearoa" and this is its website for it <https://www.heiaglobal.com/>

- 1. Would you kindly share the annual financial report of this HEIA? I do not see if on their website.*
- 2. What is the annual budget for HEIA from 2019 onwards?*
- 3. What are the measurable outcomes of HEIA?*
- 4. What are the tangible KPIs for HEIA?*
- 5. Kindly share all memos and correspondence regarding HEIA and the following sections of the NZ Bill of Rights 1990 s 14 Freedom of Expression "Everyone has the right to freedom of expression, including the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form." s 15 Manifestation of religion and belief s 17 Freedom of association*
- 6. What donations does HEIA receive annually since 2019? (If this is not in the financial report)"*
- 7. A copy of the Conflict of interest policy and statements for staff and contractors at the HEIA*

Hate and Extremism Insights Aotearoa (HEIA) is an independent research organisation and is not subject to the Act. While the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) has previously commissioned HEIA to produce research, HEIA is not part of DPMC. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information you have requested is not held by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, I have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or agency subject to the Act.

You can find the publicly available reports HEIA was commissioned by DPMC to produce on DPMC's website: [Public Research and Insights into Disinformation | Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet \(DPMC\)](#)

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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