



Public Service Commission

Te Kawa Mataaho

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2026-0199

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request that was transferred from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) to the Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho (the Commission) on 25 June 2026:

I request copies of the following under the OIA, as relating to the functions of the Government Chief Digital Officer:

- 1.1 A register or list of generative-AI and automated decision-making tools currently in use or in procurement across the public service, the agencies using them, and which involve decisions affecting individuals; plus copies of any Algorithm/AI impact assessments and Privacy Impact Assessments completed for them.*
- 1.2 Any advice or guidance on whether public-sector data (including personal information) is being processed by commercial or offshore-hosted AI models, and how data-sovereignty and Privacy Act 2020 obligations are being met.*

Where a document that falls under scope of this request cannot be released, please supply a summary of that document's contents.

Further to my OIA request below, I request the following additional information. This request concerns the use of generative AI in producing advice. It is focused on, but not limited to, advice connected to the AI strategy, automated decision-making, public-service workforce reductions, agency mergers, and Budget savings:

- 2.1 The GCDO's assurance model for AI use in the public service, and any guidance requiring officials to disclose to Ministers when advice has been produced with the assistance of generative AI.*
- 2.2 Any results from the GCDO's survey(s) of agencies' AI use that bear on the use of generative AI in producing advice to Ministers; and any incident, notification or report received by the GCDO or the AI Expert Advisory Panel since 1 January 2025 concerning AI-generated inaccuracy or hallucination in official documents or advice to Ministers.*

- 2.3. *For the Department's own advice to its Minister since 1 January 2025 concerning the National AI Strategy, public-service workforce reductions, agency mergers, or Budget savings: whether generative AI was used in researching, drafting, summarising, analysing or quality-assuring that advice; the name of any tool or model used and whether it was hosted onshore or offshore; a description of the assurance, verification or human-review steps applied, including specifically whether any references, quotations, statistics or legal citations were independently verified against source; and whether that use was disclosed to the Minister.*
- 2.4 *Any enterprise generative-AI tools licensed or made available to staff across the public service (for example Microsoft 365 Copilot or Azure OpenAI), and any central usage, logging or monitoring data held by the GCDO relating to their use.*
- 2.5 *Any records held under the Public Records Act 2005 documenting generative-AI use in producing the advice described above.*

For the avoidance of doubt: "advice" includes briefings, aide-mémoire, Cabinet and Cabinet committee papers, talking points, business cases, regulatory impact statements, and analytical or modelling work; "generative AI" includes any large language model or generative system (for example Microsoft 365 Copilot, Azure OpenAI, ChatGPT, Claude or Gemini), whether used by officials or by external contractors; and "produced with the assistance of" includes drafting, summarising, researching, analysing or quality-assuring.

Information does not exist

I am refusing the following parts of your request under section 18 (e) of the OIA on the grounds the information requested does not exist.

Part 1.1 – The GDDA does not hold a register or list of generative-AI and automated decision-making tools currently in use or in procurement across public service agencies. The GDDA also does not hold any Privacy Impact Assessments, AI Impact Assessments, Algorithm Impact Assessments, or similar governance artefacts relating to the use of AI tools across the Public Service.

Part 2.2 – There have been three Cross-Agency Public Service AI surveys produced by the GCDO. However, no survey results specify the use of generative AI in producing advice to Ministers.

Part 2.3 – The GDDA does not routinely disclose specific use of AI to the Minister as the expectation is that it is used widely across our work.

Part 2.4 – The GDDA does not hold a definitive list of all enterprise generative-AI tools licensed or made available to staff across the Public Service.

Information publicly available

The following information is covered by the parts of your request outlined in the table below and is or will soon be publicly available on the Digital.govt website at the links provided for in the table below.

Item	Request Part	Document Description	Website Address
1	Part 1.2	Data and Privacy AI guidance	www.digital.govt.nz/standards-and-guidance/technology-and-architecture/artificial-intelligence/responsible-ai-guidance-for-the-public-service-genai/customer-experience/privacy .
2	Part 2.1	AI Assurance Model	Publicly Available Soon – August 2026
3	Part 2.5	AI Guidance	www.digital.govt.nz/standards-and-guidance/technology-and-architecture/artificial-intelligence .

Accordingly, I am refusing these parts of your request noted in the table above under section 18(d) of the OIA on the grounds the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this response (with your personal details removed) on the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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