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Dear Ahmed

Official Information Act request relating to the Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) Strategic Framework and related material

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 11 April 2024. You requested:

- 1. Your website says you'll release the PCVE Strategic Framework in early 2023. Accordingly, I request a copy of this Framework. I also request a summary of the consultation summary.*
- 2. Finally, I request a list of dates of briefings and all communications between DPMC and the Prime Ministers, or any other Minister, and their offices on this matter since 1 January 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, I am not requesting the communications themselves, I am requesting a list of dates for every briefing and communication (email, txt, or other message), in both directions.*

The PCVE Strategic Framework and the consultation summary are still in draft and remain under active consideration. The PCVE Strategic Framework was not considered by the previous government and is yet to be considered by the current government. Therefore, we are withholding your request for a copy of the PCVE Strategic Framework and a summary of the consultation summary under section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.

The development of the PCVE Strategic Framework has assisted in the design and initial priorities for the PCVE Fund. The PCVE Fund was launched in early 2023.

Below is a table of the briefings and reports between DPMC and the Prime Minister regarding the PCVE Strategic Framework:

Date	Document title
13 February 2023	Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Strategic Framework [this was withdrawn and replaced with the 28 February 2023 paper]
28 February 2023	Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Strategic Fund
16 March 2023	Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Strategic Framework and Fund
18 April 2023	Report Briefing: Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Strategic Framework, Aotearoa Katoa – Endorsement
9 June 2023	Royal Commission Recommendation 4 and the Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Strategic Framework

Please note that PCVE, more generally, was mentioned in routine weekly and/or fortnightly updates to the Prime Minister. The task required to go through these updates to provide you with a list for where the PCVE is mentioned would involve searching through a significant amount of information that would impact on the Department's other operations. Therefore,

we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the information you have requested would require substantial collation.

In reaching this decision, I first considered the factors contained in sections 18A (1) and 18B of the Act. In effect, this part of your request would be a list of dates of routine reports with some information about PCVE. Neither did we believe that extending the time limits or charging you, would allow the request to be answered – noting the substantive documents on the PCVE framework are listed in the table above.

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 override the reasons for withholding that information.

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.

We do not intend to publish this response on DPMC's website.

Yours sincerely

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