

7 August 2020

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By email: fyi-request-12481-d5e15283@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe

Your request under the Official Information Act 1982

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**) request to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) dated 19 March 2018 for:

“(a) All Cabinet papers since 2005 which discuss the constitutional status of the Treaty of Waitangi;

(b) All Cabinet papers relating to the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004;

(c) All Cabinet papers relating to the establishment of the Māori-Crown portfolio.”

The part of your request relating to the Foreshore and Seabed Act was transferred to Te Arawhiti for processing on 13 July 2020. A response to the request is currently being prepared. However, due to the need for further consultation on the significant amount of material that we have identified as within scope, we cannot respond to your request within the original 20 working day deadline of 10 August 2020.

Peter Agnew, who is a Senior Adviser with the Takutai Moana team, contacted you on 27 July to discuss the scope of your request, but you did not respond to his email. Should you wish to discuss the scope of your request, you can contact Peter at Peter.Agnew@tearawhiti.govt.nz or phone 04 494 5342.

We are therefore writing to notify you of an extension to the statutory timeframe to make our decision, under section 15A(1)(a) and (b) of the Act. We will now respond to you by 18 September 2020.

Please note that under section 28(3) you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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