



24 March 2023.

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Tēnā koe Spencer,

**Official Information Act request: Cabinet papers referencing Veteran's Advisory Board Advice**

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 17 March 2026. You requested:

*"I request copies of any Cabinet papers, Cabinet committee papers, or Cabinet briefings which reference advice, recommendations, or reports from the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB).*

*This request includes:*

- 1. Cabinet papers discussing policy proposals informed by Veterans' Advisory Board advice.*
- 2. Cabinet committee papers referencing recommendations made by the Veterans' Advisory Board.*
- 3. Briefings prepared for Ministers or Cabinet committees summarising Veterans' Advisory Board advice.*

*If any such documents are publicly available through proactive release, I would appreciate links to those documents.*

*If relevant information is held by another agency (for example NZDF or Veterans' Affairs New Zealand), please transfer the relevant portion of this request under section 14 of the OIA." the timeframe of "1 January 2015*

On 24 March 2026, you agreed to refine your request to the timeframe of "1 January 2015 to the present."

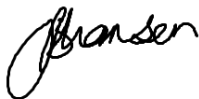
I believe the information you have requested is more closely connected to the functions of the Minister for Veterans, Hon Chris Penk. Accordingly, I have decided to transfer your request to the Minister for Veterans, Hon Chris Penk under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

DPMC holds all Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers and Minutes as Cabinet Office is a business unit within DPMC. However, DPMC transfers requests for Cabinet papers to the relevant portfolio Minister or, for previous governments, to the relevant government agency as they are in the best position to assess them for release under the Act. This is also set out in para 8.5 of the Cabinet Manual, which can be found on DPMC's website at:

[www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-business-units/cabinet-office/supporting-work-cabinet/cabinet-manual](http://www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-business-units/cabinet-office/supporting-work-cabinet/cabinet-manual)

The Minister for Veterans has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Nākū noa, nā,



Jenna Hansen

**Manager, Accountability and Ministerial Services**