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Tēnā koe A. Jones

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 2526-0963

I am responding to your email of 25 February 2026, to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department), requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

3. Any and all correspondence with Moonshot CVE and whoever locally runs "YourTurn ToTalk" and government departs, agencies, or bodies, especially ministerial correspondence.

9. How much this "CVE" program costs and who funds it (full list, local and international).

Transfer of your request

On 11 March 2026, Parts Three and Nine of your request were partially transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department), as the information requested is more closely connected with the Department's functions.

Response to your request

Part Three

By way of context, the Department's records indicate that there are currently more than 1,000 emails held by the Digital Safety team that would fall within scope of this part of your request. This estimate does not include emails held by former staff members who worked more closely with Moonshot.

Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) Act, on the grounds that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

However, seven documents between the Department's Community Operations team and Moonshot have been identified and are partially released. These documents are attached as Appendix A. Some information has been withheld under the following provision of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Part Nine

The Moonshot Online Violence Prevention Programme received \$739,353 in funding through the Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Fund, led by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and administered by the Department. Further information about this

fund is available at: <https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/national-security/counter-terrorism/preventing-and-counteracting-violent-extremism-fund>

Following the conclusion of the Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Fund in December 2025, the Moonshot Programme was extended for the period 1 January 2026 to 30 April 2026, with additional funding of NZD \$210,000.

Public interest considerations

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, consideration has been given as to whether the withholding of information is outweighed by other public interest considerations which would make it desirable to make this information available. In this instance, it is not considered to be the case.

Accessing the Ombudsman

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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Batt', written in a cursive style.

Mark Batt
**Director, Branch Performance
Policy and Te Tiriti**



Appendix A: Documents within scope

No.	Title	Date	Decision (Release, partial release or withhold)	Withholding grounds under the Act
1.	Training Survey – template	4 November 2024	Released in full	NA
2.	Training Survey – results	4 November 2024	Released in full	NA
3.	Email: Online Violence Prevention Programme	19 December 2024	Partially withheld	9(2)(a)
4.	Financial Statement	January 2024 – December 2024	Released in full	NA
5.	Moonshot - Online Violence Prevention Programme – Final Report	December 2024	Partially released	9(2)(a)
6.	Email: Financial Statement + attachment	22 January 2026	Partially withheld	9(2)(a)
7.	Financial Statement: attachment to document six	December 2024 – December 2025	Released in full	NA