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Tēnā koe Alan,

**Your Official Information Act 1982 request OIA2526-1155**

Thank you for your email of 4 May 2026 to the Department of Internal Affairs, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

- *Under the Official Information Act 1982, I request the following information relating to recent decisions by Brooke van Velden regarding the structure of Lottery Distribution Committees:*
- *A copy of the Minister's final decision approving changes to the Lottery Distribution Committees, including any decision papers, briefings, or reports provided to the Minister.*
- *All advice, analysis, or recommendations provided by officials that informed this decision, including options considered.*
- *Any Cabinet papers, Cabinet minutes, or briefings relating to this matter.*
- *Any implementation plans, transition documents, or communications plans relating to the move to fewer Committees.*
- *Any correspondence (including emails, letters, and aide-mémoires) between the Minister and officials relating to this decision, from 1 January 2026 to the date of this request.*

**Extension of time**

You were notified on 27 May 2026 that under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, the timeframe to respond to your request had been extended by 10 working days from 2 June 2026 to 16 June 2026. This is because the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request were such that a proper response to the request could not reasonably be made within the original time limit.



## **Background Information**

The Gambling Act 2003 provides for profits from Lotto NZ games to be allocated to benefit communities.

The New Zealand Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua (the Board) determines the strategic direction, policies and outcomes of the lottery grants system. The Board allocates profits to its lottery distribution committees. Distribution committees distribute grants for community purposes.

In April 2026, DIA announced changes to the structure of lottery distribution committees effective from 1 July 2026.

These changes follow on from the [Kia Tipu, He Tipua programme](#). Kia Tipu, He Tipua reviewed the system and the Board approved the evolution of the system to one that learns and is more strategic and data driven. Some changes began being phased in 2023. This next phase will continue to update the system with a new structure of lottery distribution committees.

You can find more information about the recent changes here: [Changes to Lottery Grants Board committee structure » Community Matters](#)

## **Response to your request**

I have attached all documents in scope of your request as Appendix One. Please note, some information has been withheld under relevant sections of the Act, and some information has been withheld as it is out of scope of your request. This detail is included in Table One.

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding information under section 9(2) are outweighed by other considerations. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

We may publish this OIA response on [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz) (with your personal details having been removed). Publishing responses to OIA requests increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the purpose of the Act to enable effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies, and to promote the accountability of Ministers and officials.

If you have any concerns with the information in this response, you have a right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information on how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

## **Aiolupotea Sina Aiono**

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Partnerships and Commissions - Te Aukaha  
Department of Internal Affairs - Te Tari Taiwhenua



**Table One**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Information Withheld</b>
1	Te Puna Tahua Lottery Grants Board meeting pack 10 April 2025, item 5		Meeting papers	10 April 2025	Section 9(2)(a)  Some information out of scope
2	Te Puna Tahua Lottery Grants Board 2 May 2024 papers		Meeting papers	2 May 2024	Section 9(2)(a)  Some information out of scope
3	Te Puna Tahua Lottery Grants Board GB 2 May 2024 meeting minutes final, item 6		Meeting minutes	2 May 2024	Section 9(2)(a)  Some information out of scope
4	Te Puna Tahua Lottery Grants Board distribution committee model	IA20245049	Aide Memoire	21 November 2024	Section 9(2)(a)
5	Lottery Grants Boards distribution committee structure	IA20259393	Briefing	9 October 2025	Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(i)
6	Email from Margot Dow MO to Gina Smith DIA		Email	25 November 2025	Section 9(2)(a)  Some information out of scope



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7	Proposed new Lottery Grants Board distribution committee structure	IA202510063	Briefing	27 November 2025	Section 9(2)(a)
8	Next steps for changes to the lottery grants system	IA202611481	Briefing	30 March 2026	Sections 9 (2) (a) 9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(g)(i)
9	Meeting to discuss community funding with a focus on the Lottery  Grants Board and the Community Organisation Grants Scheme	IA202610864, CVS202611058	Briefing	12 February 2026	Sections 9(2)(a) 9(2)(ba)(i) 9(2)(ba)(ii) 9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(g)(i) 9(2)(j)  Some information out of scope
10	Email from Jayne Beggs DIA to Margot Dow MO		Email	18 February 2026	Section 9(2)(a)
11	Additional papers for the Lottery Distribution Committees changes	IA202611934	Briefing	22 April 2026	Section 9(2)(a)
12	Lottery Distribution Committees: 2026 Appointment Round – Commencement Briefing	IA202611891	Briefing	<b>22 April 2026</b>	Section 9(2)(a)



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<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Information Withheld</b>
13	Preparation for the Lottery Grants Board Meeting 29 April 2026	IA202611644	Aide Memoire	24 March 2026	Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv)  Some information out of scope
14	Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua meeting pack 28 January 2026 – item 3 only		Meeting papers	28 January 2026	Some information out of scope
15	Presiding Member talking points - Lottery Grants Board January 28 2026		Supporting information for meeting	28 January 2026	Some information out of scope
16	Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua meeting pack 29 April 2026 – item 3 only		Meeting papers	29 April 2026	Some information out of scope