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Tēnā koe David

Official Information Act request relating to Parliament protesting funding

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 19 May 2026. You requested:

I am seeking all documents relating to the protest held in Parliament Grounds in February and March 2022, specifically any reports or other documents (including communications) that relate to the funding or organisation of the protest.

On 20 May 2026 you were advised that your request was partially transferred to Police for any information they may hold in scope of your original request. Police will respond to you directly.

On 26 May 2026 you refined your request to DPMC to be for the following:

- 1. I am seeking all documents relating to the protest held in Parliament Grounds in February and March 2022. Formal documents include reports, briefings, memoranda, aides-memoire and also documents from entities such as The Disinformation Project if they were held with DPMC.*
- 2. Specifically, any reports or other documents (including communications) that relate to the funding or organisation of the protest.*

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 10 working days because consultations were needed before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

Information being released

I have decided to release copies of the documents listed below, subject to information being withheld as noted.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	17 February 2022	Parliament Protest ODESC Agenda Parliament Protest ODESC #1 Minutes 17 February 2022 1000hrs	Release, with some information withheld under sections 6(a), 9(2)(g)(ii), 9(2)(k)
2	17 February 2022	ODESC briefing: Parliament Protest ODESC #1	Release
3	25 February 2022	Aide-Memoire: Prime Minister's National Security Briefing on 2 March 2022	Release [Some information not in scope and consultation ongoing]

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
4	23 March 2022	Security and Intelligence Board Meeting Papers [Pages 7-64 and 77-109 removed as not in scope of request]	Release, with some information withheld under sections 6(a), 9(2)(a) [Some information not in scope]
5	23 March 2022	Minutes of Security and Intelligence Board Meeting	Release, with some information withheld under sections 6(a), 9(2)(g)(i) [Some information not in scope]
6	25 March 2022	Comparisons between the Canadian Freedom Convoy and New Zealand Protest Convoy, and Longer-Term Implications	Release

The relevant grounds under which information has been withheld are:

- s6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- s9(2)(a), to protect personal privacy
- s9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion
- s9(2)(g)(ii), to prevent improper pressure or harassment; and
- s9(2)(k), to prevent disclosure or use for improper gain or advantage.

In relation to Item [3] paragraphs 17-20 and Attachment B titled 'Letter from Hon James Shaw MP', to date consultation with former MP Shaw has not been able to be completed therefore, at this stage this information is not being released to you. Once consultation with Mr Shaw is completed a second reply will be sent to you with the decision regarding paragraphs 17-20 and Attachment B.

As per section 16(1)(e) of the Act, the following excerpt is being provided from the briefing titled 'Fortnightly Report National Security Group', dated 3 March 2022:

National Security System Governance, Coordination and Responses Update
National Security System activation: [Not in scope] Parliament protest
The National Security System remains activated in response to [Not in scope] and the protest at Parliament.

The remainder of the document is not in scope of your request.

In addition, please find attached as Appendix A extracts from the briefing titled 'Policy Levers for Addressing Mis/Disinformation', dated 9 March 2022.

The remaining information in this document is withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- s6(a), as disclosure would be likely to prejudice the security, defence or international relations of New Zealand
- s9(2)(ba)(i), to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence and its release would be likely to prejudice the future supply of similar information

- s9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials; and
- s9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

Nothing else has been identified as relevant to your request.

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 outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the DPMC website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā

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