



CABINET OFFICE

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Wendy McGuiness

Ref: OIA-2024/25-0966

Tēnā koe Wendy

**Official Information Act request:[McGuiness] Cabinet and Cabinet Committee paper statistics**

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request received on 9 June 2025. Your request to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) is made up of two parts:

1. A request to fill out Tables 1 and 2 relating to statistics concerning Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers; and
2. A request to provide an explanation if column A is not equal to the sum of columns B, C and D.

**Response to your request**

The Cabinet Office holds the information requested in column A of your tables. The annual tallies of submitted Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers is publicly available in the department's annual reports. You can access the annual reports from 2007 on DPMC's website at the following address: [https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/publications?field\\_cassbase\\_content\\_owner\\_target\\_id=All&field\\_cassbase\\_resource\\_category\\_tid=811&field\\_issue\\_date\\_value=All&field\\_pmc\\_programme\\_target\\_id=All](https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/publications?field_cassbase_content_owner_target_id=All&field_cassbase_resource_category_tid=811&field_issue_date_value=All&field_pmc_programme_target_id=All). Cabinet Office statistics appear in the appendices to each report. I have therefore decided to refuse this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act on the basis the information is already publicly available.

The information in columns B, C and D is not held by the Cabinet Office. The Cabinet Office is not responsible for processing proactive releases. Cabinet Office Circular CO (23) 04 provides general guidance to departments and can be found at the following address: <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2023-06/co-23-04-proactive-release-cabinet-material-updated-requirements.pdf>. Paragraph 8 of the circular states that departments must report to the Public Service Commission (PSC). PSC will likely hold the information, or part of the information you have requested. As your request is also addressed to PSC, I do not consider a transfer necessary. Given this, I am refusing the remaining parts of your request to DPMC under section 18(g) of the Act on the basis the information is not held by DPMC.

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

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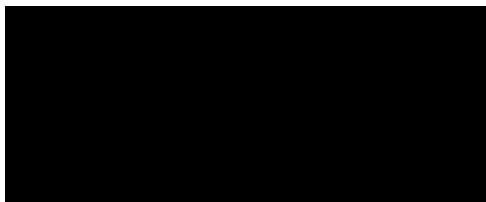
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**Secretary of the Cabinet**