

Schedule of Government Department Responses to our OIA 2026/01

As at 26 February 2026

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23 January 2026

Wendy McGuinness
Chief Executive
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By email: gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org

Tēnā koe Wendy

Official information request for Crown Law's government department strategy
Our Ref: OIA-2526120

I refer to your official information request dated 21 January 2026 for Crown Law's government department strategy.

Crown Law does not hold a government department strategy. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information does not exist. Notwithstanding this, you may find information in our Strategic Intentions and Annual Report of interest. These are publicly available on our website ([Strategic Intentions » Crown Law](#) and [Annual Reports » Crown Law](#))

Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.

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

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oia@crownlaw.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā
Crown Law

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Ref: OIAD-6038

18 February 2026

Tēnā koe Wendy

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 21 January 2026.

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA). Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *Review and update of the 2024 GDS Index (Sheet 1)*

The status of all GDSs has been updated with 'still active', 'archived' or 'no longer owned and operated by this government department', in the **attached** Excel document.

Our updates are based on the GDS definition you provided.

2. *Advice on any new strategy documents published by the Department in the 2025 calendar year that may meet the GDS definition (Sheet 2)*

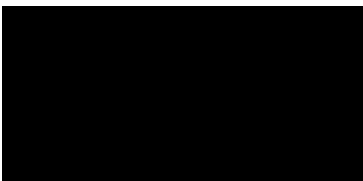
All new GDSs, for the 2025 calendar year, have been added in the attached Excel document. These include:

- Climate change adaptation action plan 2025-28
- DOC Roding Procurement Strategy 2025-2028

We note that the information, contained in this letter and the attached Excel spreadsheet documents, has been prepared and provided for the purpose of compiling the 2025 GDS Index.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on DOC's website.

Nāku noa, nā



Director Office of the Director-General
Department of Conservation | *Te Papa Atawhai*

Subject: RE: C209172 FW: [EXTERNAL] OIA 2026/01 - 2025 GDS Index (03 - Corrections)
Date: Thursday, 12 February 2026 at 1:43:12 PM New Zealand Daylight Time
From: Info@Corrections
To: GDS Index
Attachments: image008.jpg, image009.jpg, image010.jpg, image013.jpg, image015.jpg, image001.jpg, image002.jpg, image003.jpg, image004.jpg, image005.jpg, C209172 - 03. Department of Corrections.xlsx

Tēnā koe Wendy,

Please see the attached updated Excel spreadsheet with updates to Corrections' GDSs.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,


Principal Adviser

Government Services Official Correspondence

Department of Corrections, *Ara Poutama Aotearoa*

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18 February 2026

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Tēnā koe Wendy

Your Official Information Act request OIA2526-0770

Thank you for your request, received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 21 January 2026, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Please could you review the two sheets in the attached Excel to answer these questions:
Sheet 1: Review of the 2024 GDS Index*
 - a. *Please update the status of each GDS in the yellow-highlighted column F: Are there any GDSs that are missing from the attached document? If yes please add to the Excel document attached.*
 - b. *Has the department published a new strategy document in the 2024 calendar year that may meet the GDS definition? (Find the definition and learn more about the Index on the next page.) If so, please add a new row – one for each strategy document – and complete the yellow-highlighted columns A to D:*

Please refer to the attached collation table, which provides the requested information in full.

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

Nāku noa, nā,

[REDACTED]
Director Branch Performance
Enterprise Services



4 February 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0459

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Tēnā koe Wendy

Official Information Act request relating to 2025 Government Department Strategies Index

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 21 January 2026. You requested:

Stage 1: Collection

Please could you review the two worksheets in the attached spreadsheet as follows:

Sheet 1: Review of GDSs in the 2024 GDS Index

Please update the status of each GDS in the yellow-highlighted column F:

1. Write in one of three options:

(i) 'still active',

(ii) 'archived' (i.e. no longer in operation), or

(iii) 'no longer owned and operated by this government department'. If this is the case, please say who it has been transferred to (e.g. 'transferred from MOH to Health NZ in March 2024').

Sheet 2: Potential new GDSs

Has the department published a new strategy document in the 2025 calendar year that may meet the definition of a GDS? (See 'GDS definition' in Appendix 1.) If so, please add it to this sheet, with each document on a separate row. In the rare case you know of another strategy that should have been included in the 2024 GDS Index but was not, please add it to this sheet. We are happy to retrospectively add GDSs, even ones that have been archived to ensure the GDS Index is a comprehensive and accurate record.

1. Add the strategy's title to column A.

2. Add a link to the PDF of the strategy to column B.

3. In column C, write either:

(i) 'replacing an existing GDS' (and please also name the GDS it replaces in column C), or

(ii) 'completely new strategy document'.

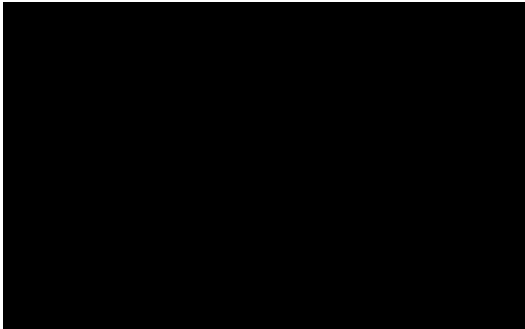
4. Add any additional information in column D. "."

On 26 January, I notified you of my decision to transfer part of your request to the National Emergency Management Agency, a departmental agency hosted by the Department of Internal Affairs, under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

Please find attached a copy of your spreadsheet, which DPMC have now reviewed and, where applicable, updated in accordance with GDS definition criteria. With respect to the second part of your request, I note that, as of the time of writing, no new strategies have been published by DPMC. You will see, however, that one strategy has been updated.

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 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's 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.





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Our Ref: 26-380

18 February 2026

Wendy McGuinness
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Dear Wendy

Re: Official Information Act request for government department strategies

I refer to your email to the Education Review Office dated 21 January 2026 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982.

Please find ERO's completed spreadsheet attached with this letter.

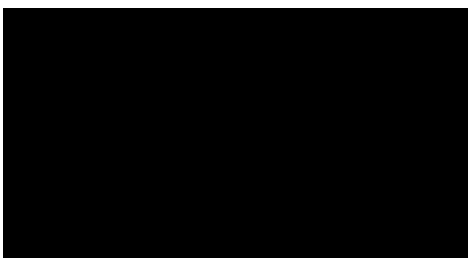
Current and former strategies can be found on our website at the below link

[Our strategies | Education Review Office](#)

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. We do not publish requesters' personal information.

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

Ngā mihi,



Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate Services
Education Review Office

Subject: RE: OIA 2026/01 - 2025 GDS Index (28 - NZSIS)

Date: Wednesday, 18 February 2026 at 10:41:50 AM New Zealand Daylight Time

From: Information (GCSB)

To: GDS Index

CC: OIA Privacy

Kia ora Wendy

We refer to your OIA request of 21 January 2026 for information relating to your upcoming GDS Index.

The GCSB and the NZSIS confirm that neither agency has published any new strategies and our existing strategies remain active.

Ngā mihi,
GCSB & NZSIS



2 February 2026

Wendy McGuinness
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gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org

Dear Wendy McGuinness

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 21 January 2026. Your full request is attached as **Appendix A**.

Information being released

As requested, responses to your request have been updated in the spreadsheet provided, which is attached to this response.

Inland Revenue has no new strategies that meet the definition, and the two previous GDS's at Inland Revenue are still active.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

[Redacted contact information]

Our Ref DOIA 26-175

Your Ref OIA 2026/01 - 2025 GDS Index (09 - LINZ)

17 February 2026

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Tēnā koe Wendy

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 21 January 2026 for information relating to the 2025 Government Department Strategy (GDS) index.

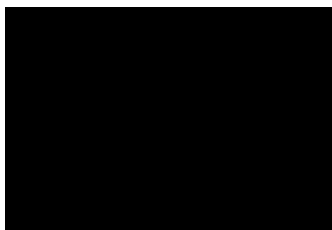
Please find the requested information enclosed. Please note, in preparing our response to this request, we identified some relevant GDSs that had been inadvertently missed in earlier responses. We apologise for this oversight. These documents have been noted in the spreadsheet with a link to their published location.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz.

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

As advised in our acknowledgement of 30 January 2026, the response to your request, with any personal details withheld, will be published on the LINZ website. This is likely to be published by 31 March 2026.

Nāku noa, nā



Leader – Ministerial and Government Services

3 February 2026

DOIA26-008

Wendy McGuinness
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Tēnā koe Wendy

I refer to your request received on 21 January 2026, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982. You requested the following information for the 2025 Government Department Strategy (GDS) Index:

- 1. Are the existing GDSs still active, archived, or no longer owned and operated by this government department?*
- 2. Are there any GDSs missing from the attached Excel document? If yes, please add them to the columns highlighted in yellow in the second sheet.*
- 3. Can you confirm that the strategy Amplify: A Creative and Cultural Strategy for New Zealand is now active?*

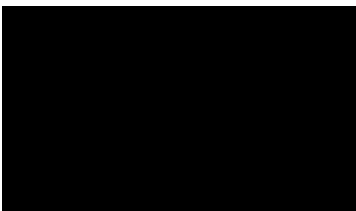
The attached Excel document has been updated to include the strategy *Amplify: A Creative and Cultural Strategy for New Zealand 2025-2030*, which was published on 28 August 2025 and remains active.

Manatū Taonga holds no other GDSs or relevant documents in relation to this request. Information relating to organisational strategies is set out in our Statement of Intent and Annual Report, which you have excluded from your request.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact oiia@mch.govt.nz.

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

Nāku noa, nā



Pou Mataaho o Te Toi – Director, Office of the Secretary & Chief Executive

18 February 2026

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Tālofa lava Wendy

RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA023-2025/26)

On 21 January 2026, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to the Government Department Strategies (GDS) index. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

Stage 1: Collection

Please could you review the two worksheets in the attached spreadsheet as follows:

Sheet 1: Review of GDSs in the 2024 GDS Index

Please update the status of each GDS in the yellow-highlighted column F:

1. Write in one of three options:

- (i) 'still active',
- (ii) 'archived' (i.e. no longer in operation), or
- (iii) 'no longer owned and operated by this government department'. If this is the case, please say who it has been transferred to (e.g. 'transferred from MOH to Health NZ in March 2024').

The status of each GDS operated by the Ministry has been updated on the attached worksheet.

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PO Box 97005,
South Auckland Mail Centre 2240
P: 09 265 3200

Wellington National Office

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Wellington, 6011
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P: 04 473 4493

Christchurch

Level 1, BNZ Centre
120 Hereford St
Private Bag 4741,
Christchurch 8011

Sheet 2: Potential new GDSs

Has the department published a new strategy document in the 2025 calendar year that may meet the definition of a GDS? (See 'GDS definition' in Appendix 1.) If so, please add it to this sheet, with each document on a separate row. In the rare case you know of another strategy that should have been included in the 2024 GDS Index but was not, please add it to this sheet. We are happy to retrospectively add GDSs, even ones that have been archived to ensure the GDS Index is a comprehensive and accurate record.

- 1. Add the strategy's title to column A.*
- 2. Add a link to the PDF of the strategy to column B.*
- 3. In column C, write either:
(i) 'replacing an existing GDS' (and please also name the GDS it replaces in column C), or
(ii) 'completely new strategy document'.*
- 4. Add any additional information in column D.*

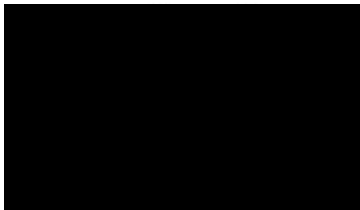
The former Pacific Wellbeing Strategy has been replaced by the Delivering for Pacific Communities Strategy and the worksheet has been updated to reflect this.

In line with standard OIA practice, the Ministry proactively publishes some of its responses to OIA requests. As such, this letter may be published on the Ministry for Pacific Peoples' website. Your personal details will be removed, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you or your organisation.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: uia_requests@mpp.govt.nz.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Deputy Secretary, Policy and Insights



OIA26-0030

16 February 2026

Wendy McGuinness
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Dear Wendy,

Thank you for your email of 21 January 2026 requesting information relating to the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) Government Department Strategies (GDS). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

Stage 1: Collection

Please could you review the two worksheets in the attached spreadsheet as follows:

Sheet 1: Review of GDSs in the 2024 GDS Index

Please update the status of each GDS in the yellow-highlighted column F:

1. *Write in one of three options:*

- (i) 'still active',*
- (ii) 'archived' (i.e. no longer in operation), or*
- (iii) 'no longer owned and operated by this government department'. If this is the case, please say who it has been transferred to (e.g. 'transferred from MOH to Health NZ in March 2024').*

2. *Please pay particular attention to two of the GDSs highlighted in pink in column I in your spreadsheet. These were previously flagged to expire in 2025. Please confirm whether they have indeed expired and should be archived, or their expiry date has been extended. If the latter, please add the new expiry date (e.g. now 2026), or if not known, add no date (i.e. n.d.).*

Sheet 2: Potential new GDSs

Has the department published a new strategy document in the 2025 calendar year that may meet the definition of a GDS? (See 'GDS definition' in Appendix 1.) If so, please add it to this sheet, with each document on a separate row. In the rare case you know of another strategy that should have been included in the 2024 GDS Index but was not, please add it to this sheet. We are happy to retrospectively add GDSs, even ones that have been archived to ensure the GDS Index is a comprehensive and accurate record.

Ministry for Primary Industries

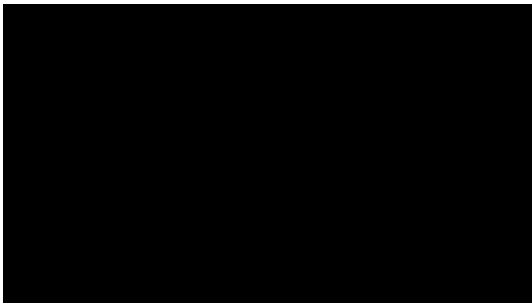
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1. Add the strategy's title to column A.
2. Add a link to the PDF of the strategy to column B.
3. In column C, write either:
 - (i) 'replacing an existing GDS' (and please also name the GDS it replaces in column C), or
 - (ii) 'completely new strategy document'.
4. Add any additional information in column D.

Please find attached as Appendix One, an updated list of MPI's current Departmental Strategies and potential new GDSs.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely,



Director Strategy, Governance & Performance



18 February 2026

Wendy McGuiness
gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org

Official information request

Our ref: R001387

Tēnā koe Wendy

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received on 21 January 2026, seeking information and input from the Ministry for Regulation (Ministry) into the 2025 *Government Department Strategies (GDS) index*. Your request is as follows:

Please find attached our OIA request. It relates to the Institute's upcoming 2025 GDS Index and consists of two attachments:

- *Attachment 1: A letter outlining what information we are requesting and why.*
- *Attachment 2: An Excel consisting of two sheets for you to update the yellow-highlighted columns.*

Sheet 1: Review of GDSs in the 2025 GDS Index

Please update the status of each GDS in the yellow-highlighted column F:

1. Write in one of three options: (i) 'still active', (ii) 'archived' (i.e. no longer in operation), or (iii) 'no longer owned and operated by this government department'. If this is the case, please say who it has been transferred to (e.g. 'transferred from MOH to Health NZ in March 2024')

Sheet 2: Potential new GDSs

Has the department published a new strategy document in the 2025 calendar year that may meet the definition of a GDS? (See 'GDS definition' in Appendix 1.) If so, please add it to this sheet, with each document on a separate row. In the rare case you know of another strategy that should have been included in the 2024 GDS Index but was not, please add it to this sheet. We are happy to retrospectively add GDSs, even ones that have been archived to ensure the GDS Index is a comprehensive and accurate record.

- 1. Add the strategy's title to column A.*
- 2. Add a link to the PDF of the strategy to column B.*

3. In column C, write either: (i) 'replacing an existing GDS' (and please also name the GDS it replaces in column C), or (ii) 'completely new strategy document'.

4. Add any additional information in column

Response to your request

We are guided by the definition of "Government Department Strategy" you provided in your letter, specifically the seven criteria outlined on page 3. The Ministry has not published any strategies that meet these specified criteria in either 2024 or 2025.

While we do have some corporate strategy documents, such as the "strategy on a page" published on our website, we do not have any documents that meet the criteria outlined in your request.

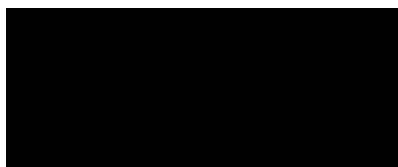
We therefore refuse your request in full under section 18(e) of the OIA as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

Right of review

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

Please note that we may publish this response (with your details removed) on the Ministry for Regulation website.

Ngā mihi



Head of Ministerial Services
Ministry for Regulation

Wendy McGuinness
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Tēnā koe Wendy

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 21 January 2026 for:

- *Please update the status of each GDS in the yellow-highlighted column F:*
- *Write in one of three options:*
 - *‘still active’,*
 - *‘archived’ (i.e. no longer in operation), or*
 - *‘no longer owned and operated by this government department’. If this is the case, please say who it has been transferred to (e.g. ‘transferred from MOH to Health NZ in March 2024’).*
- *Sheet 2: Potential new GDSs*
- *Has the department published a new strategy document in the 2025 calendar year that may meet the definition of a GDS? (See ‘GDS definition’ in Appendix 1.) If so, please add it to this sheet, with each document on a separate row. In the rare case you know of another strategy that should have been included in the 2024 GDS Index but was not, please add it to this sheet. We are happy to retrospectively add GDSs, even ones that have been archived to ensure the GDS Index is a comprehensive and accurate record.*

We have decided to refuse your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act, as the information does not exist. Similar to the Ministry’s response for 2024, in investigating your request, no strategy documents that the Ministry has published in the 2025 calendar year meet the GDS definition.

Official Information Act responses

Please note that this response, with your personal details redacted, may be published on the Ministry’s website. If you have any concerns or comments related to this, please let us know by emailing ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz, within two weeks of the date of this letter.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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4 February 2026

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Chief Executive, McGuinness Institute Te Hononga Waka
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Dear Wendy

RESPONSE TO YOU OFFICAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

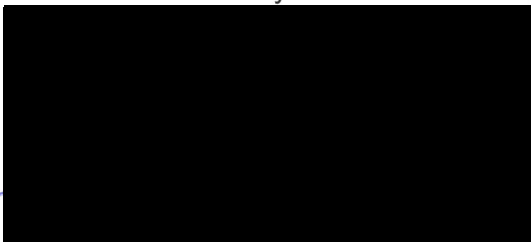
Thank you for your email of 21 January 2026, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information on Ministry of Defence Government Department Strategies (GDSs) to allow for updates to the McGuinness Institute's GDS Index.

We have filled in your attached spreadsheet. Of the documents included within the "Review of 2024 GDS Index" sheet, the *Defence Capability Plan 2019* is now archived as it has been superseded by the *Defence Capability Plan 2025* (DCP 2025) (Included within "Potential new GDSs" sheet). The *Defence Policy and Strategy Statement 2023* is partially superseded by the DCP 2025 and has been labelled as such.

Two Strategy documents have been added to the "Potential new GDSs" sheet. The DCP 2025 as mentioned before, and the *Defence Industry Strategy*, which is a completely new strategy document published in 2025.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely



Deputy Secretary, Defence Policy and Planning

Encl: Excel file *McGuinness 202025 Spreadsheet Response*



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OIA0922

Wendy McGuinness
gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org

27 January 2025

Tēnā koe Wendy

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 21 January 2026, to the Ministry of Disabled People - Whaikaha (Whaikaha), requesting information to assist the McGuinness Institute compile the 2025 Government Department Strategies Index.

Please find enclosed a copy of the spreadsheet you provided, with the relevant information filled in.

In 2025, Whaikaha published three Government Department Strategies:

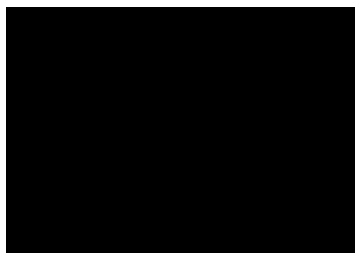
- New Zealand Disability Strategy 2026-2030 (replacing the previous New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026)
- New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) Strategy 2026-2036 (replacing the previous NZSL Strategy 2018-2023)
- Atoatoali'o National Pacific Disability Approach.

All three are available on our website: [Strategies and studies | Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People](#)

If you wish to discuss this response with us, or if you are seeking any further information, please contact OIA_requests@whaikaha.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



Manager, Ministerial and Executive Services





19/02/2026

Wendy McGuinness
The Chief Executive
McGuinness Institute Te Hononga Waka

Tēnā koe Wendy

OIA: GEMS-46575 – 2025 Government Department Strategies Index (2025 GDS Index)

Thank you for your email of 21 January 2026 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

Sheet 1: Review of the 2024 GDS Index

Please update the status of each GDS in the yellow-highlighted column F:

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- ii. 'archived' (i.e. no longer in operation), or
- iii. 'no longer owned and operated by this government department'. If this is the case, please say who it has been transferred to (e.g. your comment might be 'transferred from MOH to Health NZ in March 2024').

Please pay particular attention to three of the GDSs highlighted in pink in column I in your spreadsheet. These were previously flagged to expire in 2025. Please confirm whether they have indeed expired and should be archived, or their expiry date has been extended. If the latter, please add the new expiry date (e.g. now 2026), or if not known, add no date (i.e. n.d.).

Sheet 2: Potential 'new' GDSs

Has the department published a new strategy document in the 2025 calendar year that may meet the definition of a GDS? (See 'GDS definition' in Appendix 1.) If so, please add it to this sheet, with each document on a separate row. In the rare case you know of another strategy that should have been included in the 2024 GDS Index but was not, please add it to this sheet. We are happy to retrospectively add GDSs, even ones that have been archived to ensure the GDS Index is a comprehensive and accurate record:

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3. In column C, write either:



*(i) 'replacing an existing GDS' (and please also name the GDS it replaces in column C), or
(ii) 'completely new strategy document'.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

We have reviewed the 2024 GDS Index as requested in **part one** of your request and added one 'new' GDS in **part two** and are releasing these to you in the Excel spreadsheet provided, as requested (labelled **Ministry of Education table**).

Thank you again for your email.

Nāku noa, nā



General Manager, Strategy and Performance
Te Pou Rangatōpū | Corporate



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18 February 2026

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Tēnā koe Wendy McGuinness

Thank you for your email of 21 January 2026 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Please could you review the two worksheets in the attached spreadsheet as follows:

Sheet 1: Review of GDSs in the 2024 GDS Index

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Please pay particular attention to four of the GDSs highlighted in pink in column I in your spreadsheet. These were previously flagged to expire in 2025. Please confirm whether they have indeed expired and should be archived, or their expiry date has been extended. If the latter, please add the new expiry date (e.g. now 2026), or if not known, add no date (i.e. n.d.).

Sheet 2: Potential new GDSs

Has the department published a new strategy document in the 2025 calendar year that may meet the definition of a GDS? (See 'GDS definition' in Appendix 1.) If so, please add it to this sheet, with each document on a separate row. In the rare case you know of another strategy that should have been included in the 2024 GDS Index but was not, please add it to this sheet. We are happy to retrospectively add GDSs, even ones that have been archived to ensure the GDS Index is a comprehensive and accurate record.

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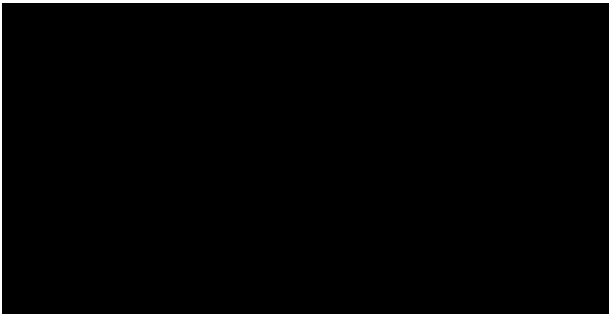
- (ii) *'completely new strategy document'*.
4. *Add any additional information in column D.*

Please find the information you have requested attached. No information is being withheld.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade



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19 February 2026

Wendy McGuinness

By email: gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org
Ref: H2026077713

Tēnā koe Wendy

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 21 January 2026. You requested:

Sheet 1: Review of GDSs in the 2024 GDS Index

Please update the status of each GDS in the yellow-highlighted column F:

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Please pay particular attention to five of the GDSs highlighted in pink in column I in your spreadsheet. These were previously flagged to expire in 2025. Please confirm whether they have indeed expired and should be archived, or their expiry date has been extended. If the latter, please add the new expiry date (e.g. now 2026), or if not known, add no date (i.e. n.d.).

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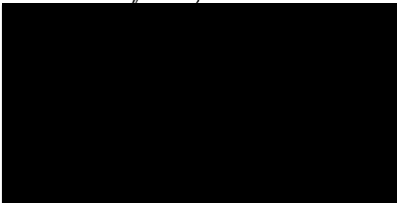
An updated copy of your spreadsheet has been enclosed with this response, as requested. Please note that while the Ministry is a part of the interdepartmental executive board (IEB) for *Te Aorerekura: The National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence*, the Ministry of Justice is the Chair and host agency for the strategy. You may wish to refer to the following webpage: preventfvsv.govt.nz/about-us/our-people or contact the Ministry of Justice directly here: OIA@justice.govt.nz.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku/noa, nā



Corporate Services | Te Pou Tiaki

Subject: RE: OIA 2026/01 - 2025 GDS Index (22 - MHUD) CRM:0343866
Date: Thursday, 29 January 2026 at 9:50:27 AM New Zealand Daylight Time
From: OIA Requests
To: GDS Index
Attachments: image.jpeg, 22. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.xlsx

Kia ora Wendy

Please find attached Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's input.

Ngā mihi

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www.hud.govt.nz



19 February 2026

Wendy McGuinness
Chief Executive of McGuinness Institute Te Hononga Waka

Ref: OIA 129356

Tēnā koe Wendy

Official Information Act request: Government Department Strategies Index

Thank you for your email of 21 January 2026 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry), requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding Government Department Strategies Index (GDS Index). Specifically, you requested:

Please could you review the two worksheets in the attached spreadsheet as follows:

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6. *Are there any GDSs that are missing from the attached document? If yes please add to the Excel document attached.*
7. *Are there any GDSs that are included in the attached document that have been recently archived (and therefore need to be removed from our list)?"*

And

Sheet 2: Potential new GDSs

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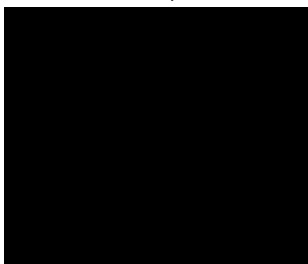
In response to your request, the Ministry can advise that there are no changes to the information you currently hold.

While the Ministry has published its Strategy 2025-2029 here [Our Strategy 2025–2029 | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#) and the Long-Term Insights Briefing here [Long-Term Insights Briefing | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#) during the 2025 calendar year, we do not think that they meet the McGuinness Institute’s definition for a government department strategy.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [Official Information Act responses | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28 of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by phone on: 0800 802 602, by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or via the webform: [Make a complaint \(for members of the public\) | Ombudsman New Zealand](#).

Nāku noa, nā



General Manager, Strategy, Performance and Relationships, Ātea a Rangi - Strategy

13 Huitanguru 2026

File Ref: OIA 50591

Wendy McGuinness
gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org

Tēnā koe Wendy

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 21 January 2026. You sought the following:

“Please find attached our OIA request. It relates to the Institute’s upcoming 2025 GDS Index and consists of two attachments:

Attachment 1: A letter outlining what information we are requesting and why.

Attachment 2: An Excel consisting of two sheets for you to update the yellow-highlighted columns.

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We would appreciate a quick turnaround on this OIA request. This includes: (i) an immediate acknowledgement and (ii) a detailed response within the OIA request timeframe."

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (**Act**).

Our Response

Sheet 1: We have completed the requested spreadsheet and included updates on the three strategies identified in the 2024 GDS Index. Please see **Appendix One**.

Sheet 2: Was prefaced with the following question: *Has the department published a new strategy document in the 2025 calendar year that may meet the definition of a GDS?*

Te Puni Kōkiri can confirm that there were no new potential strategies for the 2025 calendar year. This part of your request is therefore declined under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by Te Puni Kōkiri and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

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

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at oia@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



Hautū, Te Puni Rautaki | Deputy Secretary, Strategy

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**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

26 February 2026

Wendy McGuinness

gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org

Tēnā koe Wendy McGuinness

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 21 January 2026, requesting information on the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry)'s Government Development Strategies (GDS) for 2025.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request below.

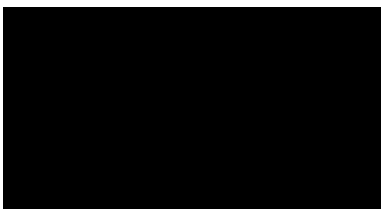
Please find attached an **Appendix** providing updates on our strategies as requested. Information on new strategies is included, where known.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



**General Manager
Ministerial and Executive Services**

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11 February 2026

Wendy McGuinness
Chief Executive
McGuinness Institute
gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org

Tēnā koe Wendy,

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Sheet 2: Potential new GDSs

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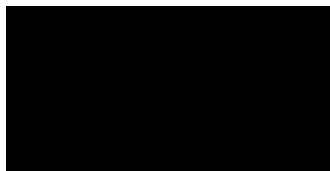
As requested, we have updated an excel file provided by you. You will note that we have two new strategies that fall within the scope of your question number 2.

If you would like to discuss this decision with us, please do not hesitate to contact us at OIA@transport.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you may be published on the Ministry's website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Nāku noa, nā



Manager, Ministerial & Executive Services

Subject: [UNCLASSIFIED] RE: OIA 2026/01 - 2025 GDS Index (27 - NZCS) - [Customs reference OIA 26-061]
Date: Tuesday, 17 February 2026 at 9:51:58 AM New Zealand Daylight Time
From: [REDACTED]
To: GDS Index
CC: OIA
Attachments: 27. New Zealand Customs Service.xlsx

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[Customs reference OIA 26-061]

Kia ora Wendy

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 for the New Zealand Customs Service current strategies for the Institute's upcoming *2025 GDS Index*.

Please find attached the completed response excel spreadsheet, Tab 1 has been updated, for Tab 2, Customs does not have any '*Potential new GDSs*' to report.

Nga mihi

[REDACTED]

UNCLASSIFIED

Subject: RE: OIA 2026/01 - 2025 GDS Index (28 - NZSIS)

Date: Wednesday, 18 February 2026 at 10:41:50 AM New Zealand Daylight Time

From: Information (GCSB)

To: GDS Index

CC: OIA Privacy

Kia ora Wendy

We refer to your OIA request of 21 January 2026 for information relating to your upcoming GDS Index.

The GCSB and the NZSIS confirm that neither agency has published any new strategies and our existing strategies remain active.

Ngā mihi,
GCSB & NZSIS



OT-OIA-2025-0065

19 February 2026

Wendy McGuinness


Tēnā koe Wendy

Thank you for your email of 21 January 2026 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting information relating to government strategies. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

OIA 2026/01 - 2025 GDS Index (29 - OT)

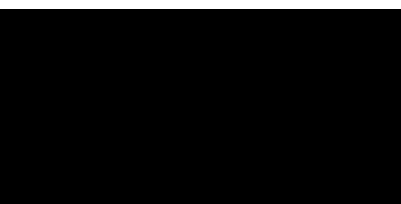
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- *Attachment 1: A letter outlining what information we are requesting and why.*
- *Attachment 2: An Excel consisting of two sheets for you to update yellow-highlighted columns.*

Please find attached an Excel spreadsheet containing the information you have requested. Please note, we have noted the responsible agencies as some of the strategies are no longer led by Oranga Tamariki.

I trust you find this information useful. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Oranga Tamariki. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Chief Advisor Enabling Communities



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

3 February 2026

Wendy McGuiness

gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org

Dear Wendy

Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2026-0011

I refer to your official information request received on 21 January 2026 regarding the Government Department Strategies Index of 2025.

Information being released

Please find listed in the table below the existing Government Department Strategies (GDSs) relevant to the Public Service Commission (the Commission). We have also provided this information in tab one of the attached excel spreadsheet as requested.

Item	Government Department Strategy	Status
1	Kia Toipoto – Public Service Action Plan 2021–24	Archived. Note: Any work from Kia Toipoto has been merged into the current Workforce Diversity work programme going forward.
2	Fourth National Action Plan 2023–2024	Archived.
3	Te Rautaki Ārahi i te Ratonga Tūmatanui o Aotearoa The Leadership Strategy for New Zealand’s Public Service	Still active. Note: A review has been deferred in order to establish a talent management programme which may impact the future direction of the Leadership Strategy.

Please find listed in the table below the new GDSs relevant to the Commission. This is also included in tab two of the excel spreadsheet, as requested.

Item	Government Department Strategy (and web link)	Status
4	Open Government Partnership New Zealand: Fifth National Action Plan 2026 –	Replaces GDS30-02 (Fourth National Action plan 2023-2024).

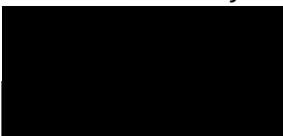
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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz.

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

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



**Manager – Ministerial and Executive Services
Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission**



5 February 2026

By email to: gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org

Attention: Wendy McGuinness

Request for information - Government Department Strategies Index (CON0016813)

We refer to your email dated 21 January 2026 in which you advised that the McGuinness Institute has published a 2024 'Government Department Strategies Index' listing NZ government department strategies (GDSs) in operation. For the purposes of a 2025 update, you have asked us to review the Index record in relation to the Serious Fraud Office (**SFO**) and advise any new strategies, or any existing strategies that are no longer in operation.

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (**OIA**).

Decision and response

For the purposes of our review, you advised that the Institute has defined a GDS for the purpose of the Index as:

- a publicly available document that is published by a government department
- a public-facing document that is written for the public to read
- an externally facing document (i.e. not written for internal management purposes)
- a strategic document that contains long-term thinking (i.e. it sets out the approach (the means) and the purpose (the ends) of the strategy)
- a national document (i.e. it excludes local and regional strategies)
- a document that looks out at least two years or more, and
- not be a corporate document (i.e. not a statement of intent, a four-year plan or an annual report).

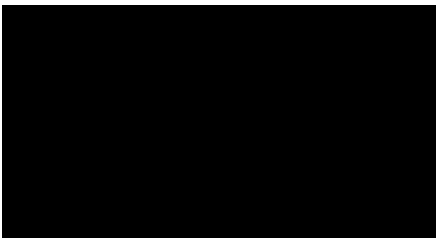
To answer your questions:

1. The Index does not list any existing GDS for the SFO, so there are none to confirm as being active, archived, or no longer owned by the SFO.
2. We have not issued any new strategies which meet your definition above.

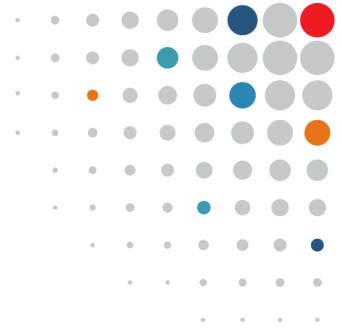
We note that in October 2025 we published a Long-term Insights Briefing under the Public Service Act 2020, which we have treated as falling outside of your scope definition above. A copy is available on our website [here](#) for your information.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where there is a broader public interest. Our response to your request may be published at sfo.govt.nz, with any personal information removed.

Nāku noa, nā | Yours sincerely



Principal Legal Advisor – Corporate
Serious Fraud Office | Te Tari Hara Tāware



3 February 2026

Ref: OIA-2526-040

Wendy McGuinness
McGuinness Institute Te Horonga Waka
gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org

Tēnā koe Wendy

Thank you for your email of 21 January 2026 to the Social Investment Agency (SIA) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Please find attached our OIA request. It relates to the Institute's upcoming 2025 GDS Index and consists of two attachments:

- *Attachment 1: A letter outlining what information we are requesting and why.*
- *Attachment 2: An Excel consisting of two sheets for you to update the yellow-highlighted columns.*

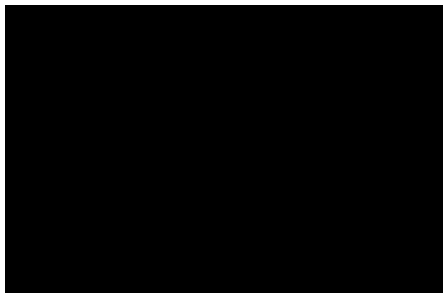
SIA does not hold any strategy documents that meet the criteria of the McGuinness Institute's GDS Index. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act *as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.*

Although this document does not meet the criteria of your request, SIA's *Strategic Intentions 2024/25 – 2028/29* can be found here: <https://www.sia.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/SIA-Strategic-intentions-2024-2029-FINAL.pdf>.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact info@sia.govt.nz

As part of our commitment to transparency, we proactively release our responses to information requests where possible. This response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website shortly.

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



Manager – Engagement, Ministerials, and Communications
Social Investment Agency

19 February 2026

Wendy McGuinness
Chief Executive
McGuinness Institute Te Hononga Waka

By email: gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org

Tēnā koe Wendy

Official Information Act (OIA) request: 2025 GDS Index

On 21 January 2026, you contacted Stats NZ requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

The McGuinness Institute is beginning initial preparations for its 2025 GDS Index. So we can complete this work, we would appreciate you completing the attached spreadsheet (see key tasks listed in Stage 1 and 2 below).

Background

The GDS Index includes a handbook and a selection of working papers (including a methodology and an analysis of climate change mentioned in GDSs). Learn more about the GDS Index on our website here.

The Institute is producing an annual GDS Index until such an Index or online registry is produced by the Public Service Commission or other governing body (see excerpt in Appendix 1).

We simplified our process last year to reduce the workload for departments and to enable the Institute to publish the GDS Index early in the new year (ideally in April). This year's process is the same as last year's.

Stage 1: Collection

Please could you review the two worksheets in the attached spreadsheet as follows:

Sheet 1: Review of GDSs in the 2024 GDS Index

Please update the status of each GDS in the yellow-highlighted column F:

1. Write in one of three options:

- (i) 'still active',*
- (ii) 'archived' (i.e. no longer in operation), or*
- (iii) 'no longer owned and operated by this government department'. If this is the case, please say who it has been transferred to (e.g. 'transferred from MOH to Health NZ in March 2024').*

info@stats.govt.nz
toll-free 0508 525 525
stats.govt.nz

Sheet 2: Potential new GDSs

Has the department published a new strategy document in the 2025 calendar year that may meet the definition of a GDS? (See 'GDS definition' in Appendix 1.) If so, please add it to this sheet, with each document on a separate row. In the rare case you know of another strategy that should have been included in the 2024 GDS Index but was not, please add it to this sheet. We are happy to retrospectively add GDSs, even ones that have been archived to ensure the GDS Index is a comprehensive and accurate record.

1. Add the strategy's title to column A.
2. Add a link to the PDF of the strategy to column B.
3. In column C, write either:
 - (i) 'replacing an existing GDS' (and please also name the GDS it replaces in column C), or
 - (ii) 'completely new strategy document'.
4. Add any additional information in column D.

We would appreciate a quick turnaround on this OIA request. This includes: (i) an immediate acknowledgement and (ii) a detailed response within the OIA request timeframe.

Please see attached the Excel spreadsheet with the information on Stats NZ's Government Department Strategy (GDS) that you requested. You will note that there are no new GDSs at Stats NZ.

In the Spirit of the Act, while Stats NZ has no additional documents in scope of your request, it should be noted that information related to organisational strategies is captured in our Statement of Strategic Intentions 2025-2029. This information is publicly available here: [Stats NZ's statement of strategic intentions 2025–2029 | Stats NZ](#)

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact Stats NZ at: OfficeoftheGSC@stats.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

It is Stats NZ's policy to proactively release its responses to official information requests where possible. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published on the Stats NZ website. Publishing responses creates greater openness and transparency of government decision-making and helps better inform public understanding of the reasons for decisions.

Nāku noa, nā



**Principal Advisor, Executive and Government Relations
Office of the Chief Executive
Stats NZ**



Reference: 20260045

18 February 2026

Wendy McGuinness
McGuinness Institute
gdsindex@mcguinnessinstitute.org

Dear Wendy

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 21 January 2026. You requested the following:

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- *Attachment 1: A letter outlining what information we are requesting and why.*
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Please find enclosed the completed excel spreadsheet.

This reply addresses the information you requested. Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Yours sincerely

Manager, Budget and Fiscal Performance