



19 June 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 21 May 2025, requesting information about the number of briefings, reports, or formal advice sent to Ministers from 1 January 2025 to present.

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

Please refer to the **Appendix** which provides the number of reports, aide-mémoires and briefings sent to Ministers between 1 January 2025 and the date that you submitted this request (21 May 2025).

The part of your request that asks for this information to be broken down by whether these documents were signed would divert personnel from their core duties due to the allocation of extra time required to complete this task. The diversion of these resources would impair the Ministry's ability to continue standard operations and would be an inefficient use of the Ministry's resources. As such, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as it requires substantial collation. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your requests given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

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

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

Anna Graham

General Manager

Ministerial and Executive Services

Appendix

The number of reports, aide-mémoires and briefings sent to Ministers between 1 January 2025 and 21 May 2025, by Minister.

Minister	Number
Hon Louise Upston	234
Hon Casey Costello	33
Hon James Meager	29
Hon Chris Bishop	8
Hon Tama Potaka	7
Hon Penny Simmonds	7
Hon Nicola Willis	7
Hon Matt Doocey	4
Hon Chris Penk	2
Hon Dr Shane Reti	2
Hon Karen Chhour	2
Hon Simeon Brown	2
Hon Erica Stanford	1
Total	338

Notes:

- Some of these reports will be joint reports to multiple Ministers, therefore the same report may be represented more than once in this data.