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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA045-2025/26))

On 21 May 2026, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to Artificial Intelligence. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

RNZ requests the following under the Official Information Act.

- *What Artificial Intelligence is your Minister considering implementing in the next year?*
- *What aspects or parts of the business will it be implemented? i.e. how will the AI be used?*
- *Will its implementation reduce the workload or staff numbers?*
- *What safety and security protocols has it had to pass to be considered acceptable for implementation?*

Your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist. Decisions on any potential Artificial Intelligence implementation that may arise as part of forthcoming Budget initiatives have not yet been made.

By way of context, as part of Budget 2026, Cabinet has agreed to a programme of reform aimed at transforming the public service to streamline how it is organised, accelerate digital transformation, strengthen leadership and talent, and improve efficiency and productivity. Specific decisions on how these reforms will be achieved by agencies have not yet been made. Ministers have asked Chief Executives to work through what this means for their organisations.

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Accordingly, there is no information currently held that answers the specific questions in your request.

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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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