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From: [Anna Whiskin \[DPMC\]](#)
To: [Janine Smith \[DPMC\]](#)
Subject: FW: [moto] REVISIONS REQUIRED - DPMCOIA REPLY: [Robins] Titles of PAG advice
Date: Monday, 14 October 2024 11:32:00 am
Attachments: [ATT00001.png](#)
[DPMCOIA Reply OIA-2024 25-0308 \[Robins\] Titles of PAG advice \(P Robins\)\(4956973.1\).docx](#)
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To: [Fiona Illingsworth \[DPMC\]](#); [Jessica Gorman \[DPMC\]](#)
Subject: To PAG - Draft OIA Response and Approach - OIA for Titles of PAG advice for June 2024 [DPMC 0308]
Date: Tuesday, 8 October 2024 10:00:00 pm
Attachments: [DPMCOIA Reply OIA-2024 25-0308 \[Robins\] Titles of PAG advice \(P Robins\)\(4956973.1\).docx.nrl](#)
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From: [Amy Teague \[DPMC\]](#)
To: [Anna Whiskin \[DPMC\]](#)
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Date: Monday, 14 October 2024 1:07:04 pm
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Thanks Anna

Appreciate the detail.

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Thanks

Amy

From: Anna Whiskin [DPMC] <Anna.Whiskin@dpmc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 12:10 PM
To: Amy Teague [DPMC] <Amy.Teague@dpmc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: [moto] REVISIONS REQUIRED - DPMCOIA REPLY: [Robins] Titles of PAG advice

Kia ora Amy

FYI

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Ngā mihi nui
Anna

From: Anna Whiskin [DPMC]
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 11:33 AM
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Date: Thursday, 10 October 2024 4:06:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Perfect – will do and then withhold the title.

From: Fiona Illingsworth [DPMC] <Fiona.Illingsworth@dpmc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 2:13 PM
To: Anna Whiskin [DPMC] <Anna.Whiskin@dpmc.govt.nz>; Jessica Gorman [DPMC] <Jessica.Gorman@dpmc.govt.nz>
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Hi Anna

I've talked through this one with Janine. 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i)

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Have amended as per comments - hope this is clearer.
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Anna Whishin [DPMC] 14/10/2024
DPMCOIA Reply

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Janine Smith [DPMC] 14/10/2024
DPMCOIA Reply

The response to this request will not be published on DPMC's website.

Amelia Carr [DPMC] 14/10/2024
DPMCOIA Reply

Checked Logging Date.

Anna Whishin [DPMC] 4/10/2024
DPMCOIA Request

MNISTERIAL SERVICES TRIAGE:

Approach
9(2)(g)(i)

Anna Whishin [DPMC] 4/10/2024
DPMCOIA Request

OIA GAME PLAN

Title: [Robins] Titles of PAG advice

OIA Number: OIA-2024/25-0308

Requestor: P Robins
None (via FYI.org.nz)

MOIA Number: None

Request:

"I request the titles of advice provided to the Prime Minister by the Policy Advisory Group in June 2024."





Assigned to: Anna Whiskin








Moto link to Parent workflow: <https://cass-moto/DPMC/Workflow/Edit/Index/111281>

Moto link to Reply workflow: <https://cass-moto/DPMC/Workflow/Edit/Index/111409>

Due to MO/ELT <i>(At least 5 working days before due to requestor)</i> <i>If you miss the date, then please add a brief reason for delay for quarterly reporting purposes/evidence of keeping MO etc. informed</i>	Due to DCE Policy: 29 October Reply Due: 31 October 2024
Date sent if late: Reason –	<p style="color: red;"><i>Please: include reference to the evidential email/conversation note (e.g. "See email dated 24/6/18")</i></p>

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 To PAG - Draft OIA Response and Appr	Draft Reply to PAG Checking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAG BNs identified Any releasable titles from the PAG – DPMC briefings? Draft Reply. 	8/10/2024

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 Re_ Draft OIA Response and Appr  RE_ Draft OIA Response and Appr	Phone discussion with PAG Advisor, Fiona Illingsworth. Confirmation that there was no other category of advice from PAG to the Prime Minister (e.g. a DPMC Briefing) in June 2024 where the title would be releasable. Fiona Illingsworth advised that 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]	10/10/2024
 _moto_ REVISIONS REQUIRED - DPMCO	REVISIONS REQUIRED 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted] [redacted]	14/10/2024
 FW_ _moto_ REVISIONS REQUIRE	Amended response back to DCE Policy, Janine Smith.	14/10/2024
 FW_ _moto_ REVISIONS REQUIRE	Update to Manager, Ministerial Services, Amy Teague.	14/10/2024
 RE_ _moto_ REVISIONS REQUIRE	Manager, Ministerial Services, Amy Teague noted.	14/10/2024
 Your OIA request - reply.msg	REPLY SENT.	14/10/2024

The remainder of this document details the Policy Advisory Group briefings identified as in scope of OIA-2024/25-0308. The details of these briefings, including the total number, are withheld in full under the following grounds:

- section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of New Zealand.
- section 9(2)(f)(ii), to maintain collective and individual ministerial responsibility.
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.
- section 9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privilege.