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Dear Wendy McGuinness

**Official Information Act request regarding the lead agency for New Zealand's
Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism Strategy**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 16 September 2024. You requested:

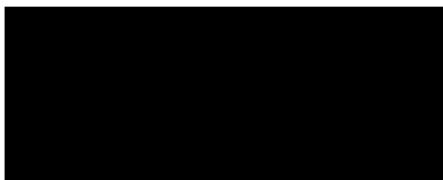
"Thank you for responding to our OIA request. As part of our consolidation process, we check GDS OIA responses for inconsistencies across different departments. As part of this process, we have noticed that no other departments have claimed joint ownership of the following GDS. From reading this, it appears that DPMC is the lead agency, and the other agencies support DPMC (rather than holding this themselves). If that is correct, we will list you as the lead department. If this is not correct, can you please confirm with the group of agencies referred to above that this is jointly held with them before responding."

I can confirm that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) is the lead agency for New Zealand's Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism Strategy. You may be interested to know that DPMC is currently updating the strategy and we expect it to be complete by mid-2025.

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

We do not intend to publish this response on DPMC's website.

Yours sincerely



**Executive Director
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