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Thank you for your letter of 10 December 2025, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *Any publicly available documentation about AI systems used in your organisation, including where this information can be found (e.g., on your website, annual reports, ethics or transparency pages, etc.).*
2. *A list of all AI systems currently used in your organisation.*
3. *For any AI systems currently in use that are not publicly described, please provide basic information about each system, including its purpose, the problem it addresses, its inputs and outputs, the team or business unit responsible for its use. (If details need to be withheld, please release what you can and cite the relevant withholding grounds.)*
4. *For all current AI systems, please provide: any results, reports, summaries, or documentation from trials, pilots, or evaluations conducted before, during and after deployment. Any information on how regularly AI systems are reviewed or re-evaluated during operational use*
5. *If available, please provide any information (public or not yet public) indicating the scale of AI use within your organisation.*

You provided the following information as context relating to the scope of your request:

*"I am seeking information about all AI systems currently used within your organisation, including both generative AI and non-generative AI systems. For this request, "AI systems" includes any system involving machine learning, predictive analytics, automated decision-making, risk scoring, computer vision, natural language processing, or generative AI tools."*

## **Response to your request**

Please note, Ministry systems are configured to retain search data for 30 days from when a search is carried out. On that basis, the information provided below is for the period of 12 December 2025 to 12 January 2026.

Information in scope of part one of your request is publicly available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (the Ministry) website. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA. You can find relevant information about the Ministry's

decision to only allow the use of AI systems with unclassified data via this link:  
[www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2025/OIA-30497-MFAT-AI-Tools-19-November-2025.pdf](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2025/OIA-30497-MFAT-AI-Tools-19-November-2025.pdf)

In response to part two of your request, below is a list of all AI systems used on the Ministry's system within the period 12 December 2025 – 12 January 2026. This list includes tools either directly accessed by Ministry staff, or accessed indirectly by staff, such as through tools embedded within web pages visited by Ministry staff.

<b>AI Systems used within the period of 12 December 2025 – 12 January 2026</b>	
Adobe Sensei	Microsoft 365 Copilot Chat
Amazon Lex	Microsoft Copilot
Anthropic Claude	Microsoft Copilot Studio
Anyword	Microsoft Designer
Baidu	Microsoft Security Copilot
BeyondWords	Notta
CapCut*	OpenAI
Chatbot App	Otter.ai
ChatGPT Enterprise	Paradox
DeepAI	Particular Audience
Descript	Perplexity AI
Docsbot	Pixlr
ElevenLabs	Quillbot
FreeConvert	Quiq
Freepik	Raffle
GliaCloud	Read AI
Google DeepMind	ReadSpeaker
Google Dialogflow	Scite
Google Gemini	Speechify
Google NotebookLM	Stable Diffusion
Grok	Storycards
Gupshup	Superhuman Grammarly
Heyday	Transpond
Humanize AI	Writesonic
Koala AI	Yellow AI
LanguageTool	Z.ai
Lily AI	ZeroGPT
MagicStudio	

The information in scope of part three of your request is publicly available on the Ministry's website. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA: [www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2025/OIA-30497-MFAT-AI-Tools-19-November-2025.pdf](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2025/OIA-30497-MFAT-AI-Tools-19-November-2025.pdf). We refer you to pages 13 to 16 of the document.

Part four of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information you requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Regarding part five of your request. The following table lists the AI tools accessed either directly or indirectly by 50 or more Ministry staff within the period 12 December 2025 – 12 January 2026.

AI tools accessed either directly or indirectly by 50 or more staff within the period 12 December 2025 – 12 January 2026	
BeyondWords	OpenAI
ChatGPT Enterprise	Particular Audience
Microsoft 365 Copilot Chat	ReadSpeaker
Microsoft Copilot Studio	

The AI tools listed in the response to part two of your request were accessed by 1763 users in the period 12 December 2025 – 12 January 2026. Please note the Ministry is not able to identify if the 1763 users are unique, or if some users used multiple tools.

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/](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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