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Thank you for your email of 21 July 2026, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Requested 2026 updates if any, from my previous OIA to the date of this request:

- 1. How does your organisation define Māori data as opposed to non-Māori data?*
- 2. Does your organisation have Māori Data Sovereignty and or a Māori Data Governance policy or strategy? If yes, I request a copy.*
- 3. I also request a copy of your organisation Data Governance strategy/policy/policies?*
- 4. Has your organisation had with any success or no/limited success, implementation of any Māori Data Sovereignty principles or Māori Data Governance? If yes, please provide details of the implementation and how you measured its success.*
- 5. How many fte are allocated to Māori Data practices in your organisation?*
- 6. What country/countries are the majority of your organisation's data stored?*
- 7. Which Cloud Provider(s) do you use?*

New requests:

- 1. A list of all artificial intelligence systems, machine learning models, and automated decision-making (ADM) tools currently in use, in procurement, or in pilot within the agency, including the name, purpose, vendor/developer, and date of deployment of each.*
- 2. A list of all generative AI tools approved for staff use, and copies of any internal policies or guidance governing staff use of generative AI.*
- 3. Copies of all Te Tiriti o Waitangi analyses, assessments, or advice prepared in relation to any AI or ADM system in use or in development, including the identity of who prepared them.*
- 4. Records of any engagement, consultation, or partnership with iwi, hapū, or Māori organisations regarding the design, procurement, deployment, or governance of AI or ADM systems, including dates, parties, and outcomes.*
- 5. Any documents identifying whether Māori data (including data about Māori individuals, whānau, hapū, iwi, or mātauranga Māori) is used to train, fine-tune, test, or operate any AI system, and any governance arrangements applying to that data.*

6. *Copies of any advice, briefings, or policies referencing Māori data sovereignty, Māori Data Governance, or WAI 2522 in relation to the agency's AI or ADM systems.*
7. *Copies of all Privacy Impact Assessments, Algorithmic Impact Assessments, human rights assessments, or equity analyses completed for any AI or ADM system, including any assessment of differential impacts on Māori.*

Regarding your request for updates on information previously provided. Answers to questions one to five in the response sent to you on 24 January 2025 (OIA 29854), remain unchanged. Updated responses to questions six and seven provided below:

6. The majority of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (the Ministry) data is stored in New Zealand and Australia.
7. The Ministry's key cloud providers are Microsoft, Oracle, ServiceNOW and SAP.

Response to your request:

The following parts of questions one, two and seven of your request are refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is publicly available on the Ministry's website, please refer to:

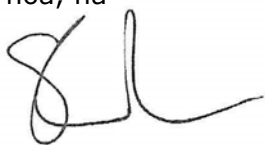
1. List of AI systems: www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2026/OIA-30961-MFAT-AI-26-June-2026.pdf
2. Generative AI tools approved for staff use: www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2025/OIA-30497-MFAT-AI-Tools-19-November-2025.pdf
7. Copies of Privacy Impact Assessments: www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2025/OIA-30497-MFAT-AI-Tools-19-November-2025.pdf

The remainder of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

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/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: 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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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