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## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 27 November 2025 for:

- *I am requesting an update about the Long-Term Insights Briefing which was meant to be released in mid-2025 - about "Free to lead"?*
- *In terms of the consultation process, how many people/groups/communities submitted feedback? I just need a number - no specific details are requested here.*

As mentioned in your request, the Ministry for Women Long-term Insights Briefing was initially due to be released in mid-2025. In delaying the release of its Long-term Insights Briefing, the Ministry wanted to ensure it captured the voices of young women. The Ministry intends to release its Long-term Insights Briefing within the first quarter of 2026.

Regarding the second part of your request, during the consultation process the Ministry received 53 submissions to our online survey and consulted with 22 organisations and community groups.

### **Official Information Act responses**

Please note that this response, with your personal details redacted, may be published on the Ministry's website. If you have any concerns or comments related to this, please let us know by emailing [ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz](mailto:ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz), within two weeks of the date of this letter.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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