

19 June 2026

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 21 May 2026 for:

- *What Artificial Intelligence is your Ministry considering implementing in the next year?*
- *What aspects or parts of the business will it be implemented? ie how will the AI be used*
- *Will its implementation reduce the workload or staff numbers?*
- *What safety and security protocols has it had to pass to be considered acceptable for implementation?*

The Ministry for Women is considering implementing M365 Co-Pilot. However, costs have not yet been finalised.

The Ministry has more work to do to develop user cases which will support identification of where M365 Co-Pilot will be most useful, this includes any information on the benefits it may deliver in terms of workload.

Regarding safety and security protocols, the Ministry is informed by work done by other agencies around system security certifications and by our own security processes.

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, 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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

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