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## Response to your Official Information Act request

I refer to your email of 21 January 2026 to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), which was transferred on 27 January to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry). You requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please could you review the two worksheets in the attached spreadsheet as follows:*

### **Sheet 1: Review of GDSs in the 2024 GDS Index**

*Please update the status of each GDS in the yellow-highlighted column F:*

1. Write in one of three options:

- (i) 'still active',
- (ii) 'archived' (i.e. no longer in operation), or
- (iii) 'no longer owned and operated by this government department'. If this is the case, please say who it has been transferred to (e.g. 'transferred from MOH to Health NZ in March 2024').

### **Sheet 2: Potential new GDSs**

*Has the department published a new strategy document in the 2025 calendar year that may meet the definition of a GDS? (See 'GDS definition' in Appendix 1.) If so, please add it to this sheet, with each document on a separate row. In the rare case you know of another strategy that should have been included in the 2024 GDS Index but was not, please add it to this sheet. We are happy to retrospectively add GDSs, even ones that have been archived to ensure the GDS Index is a comprehensive and accurate record.*

- 1. Add the strategy's title to column A.
- 2. Add a link to the PDF of the strategy to column B.
- 3. In column C, write either:
  - (i) 'replacing an existing GDS' (and please also name the GDS it replaces in column C), or
  - (ii) 'completely new strategy document.'
- 4. Add any additional information in column D.

In response to your request, the Ministry has updated and completed the two worksheets in the spreadsheet you have provided.

To provide some context, the Ministry is a small departmental agency of DIA and as such we need to focus our limited resources on areas where we can make the most difference. Our Government Department Strategy (GDS) that was due to expire in 2025 has now been archived. The Ministry have instead decided to reaffirm on our *Strategic Intentions 2024-2028 - Ngā Takune Rautaki* and maintain the four priorities that shaped our previous strategy. The Ministry's four priorities are as follows:

- Promoting the value of diversity and improving inclusion.
- Ensuring government services are accessible.
- Improving economic outcomes and reducing employment barriers.
- Connecting with and empowering ethnic community groups.

More information on these priorities can be found on the Ministry's website at:

<https://www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/about-us#our-priorities>

Please note, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry may publish responses to requests for official information on our website, shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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**Director of Ministerial Services**

Row	Department	GDS Number	Government Department Strategy (GDS)	Publication date	Q1: Choose one of three options: (i) 'still active' (ii) 'archived' (i.e. no longer in operation), or (iii) 'no longer owned and operated by this government department'. If this is the case, please say who it has been transferred to (e.g. your comment might be 'transferred from MOH to Health NZ in March 2025')	Index when GDS was added	Sector	Duration	Number of pages	Signed by	This GDS replaces	Jointly held with	Transferred from	Merged?	Strategy map?	egislation	Year strategy expires	Scope	Climate Intelligence	Action points?
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G	Column H	Column I	Column J	Column K	Column L	Column M	Column N	Column O	Column P	Column Q	Column R	Column S	Column T	Column U
1	Ministry for Ethnic Communities	GDS04-07	Strategy 2022-2025: A pathway to an Aotearoa where ethnic communities feel at home	September 2022	Archived	2023 GDS Index	Finance and Government Administration Sector	2022-2025	29	Crown (Minister for Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities) and CE	Office of Ethnic Communities - Strategic Framework (2020)	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes, p. 51	Not applicable	2025	Wide	No mention	No

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Sheet 2: Potential 'new' GDSs

Title of strategy	Link to PDF of strategy	Q2: Choose one of two options: (i) 'replaces an existing GDS'. If this is the case, please name the GDS it replaces in column D (you can copy from the list in Sheet 1), or (ii) 'is a completely new strategy document'	Any specific comments from the Department?
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D
2024-2028 Strategic Intentions - Ngā Takune Rautaki	<a href="https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/2024-28-DIA-Strategic-Intentions/\$file/2024-2028-Internal-Affairs-Strategic-Intentions.pdf">https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/2024-28-DIA-Strategic-Intentions/\$file/2024-2028-Internal-Affairs-Strategic-Intentions.pdf</a>	(i) replaces	The relevant section for the Ministry for Ethnic Communities is on pages 35-37.

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