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Information Request

by: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)

for: Quantum Technology Discovery Process

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Section 1. Our request

What we seek

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is seeking information from across the research, industry, and investment sectors to help assess New Zealand’s readiness for a large-scale investment in a national quantum technology research platform.

Your response will help us build a clearer picture of New Zealand’s current quantum technology capabilities, the maturity of domestic research and commercialisation activity, and the international opportunities for future growth through the development of new products and services. This Information Request forms part of the Government’s quantum technology Discovery Process [announced](#) in December 2025.

Our goals

The outcomes that we want to achieve through this Information Request are:

#1	Identifying the full scope and activities of actors in New Zealand who have interest, capacity, and / or capability, in quantum technology research, commercialisation, and product/service development.
#2	Identifying barriers that could limit acceleration of New Zealand’s quantum technology research and its translation to commercial opportunities.
#3	Identifying specific opportunities and paths to drive a sustainable commercial and competitive advantage for New Zealand through an investment in quantum technology.

Who we’d like to hear from

We invite Responses from researchers, firms, investors, and other stakeholders with knowledge or experience relating to:

- New Zealand’s quantum technology research capabilities.
- Quantum related commercialisation and investment activities, and product/service development.
- Enabling technologies, components, software, infrastructure, or applications that support or intersect with quantum technology.
- Emerging opportunities or barriers in future quantum markets.

This includes firms and organisations already operating in quantum or quantum adjacent domains.

Why should you respond?

This is a unique opportunity to:

- Share your research, commercialisation, and product/service development activities, and future ambitions for quantum technology in New Zealand
- Highlight your current or potential markets, partnerships, and investment pathways

- Contribute your perspectives on how New Zealand can position itself within the global quantum technology value chain.

Your input will inform whether the New Zealand Institute for Advanced Technology (NZIAT) moves forward with designing and initiating a national quantum technology platform. It will also help shape future decisions about advanced technology investments aimed at improving productivity, supporting economic growth, and creating high value jobs in New Zealand.

Respondents may also be invited to participate in workshops or further engagement as the Discovery Process progresses.

What we are *not* seeking

This request is **not** a procurement or funding process, and we are **not** seeking:

- Research or service provision proposals
- Submissions on the Government's investment decisions in other advanced technology domains

We are seeking only information relevant to your involvement in, or views on, New Zealand's quantum research and innovation ecosystem. You may, however, provide any additional contextual information you consider useful.

A bit about us

MBIE plays a central role in supporting a strong and resilient New Zealand economy. We develop policy, deliver services, and provide advice and regulation to support business growth and the wellbeing of all New Zealanders.

NZIAT is being established as New Zealand's newest Public Research Organisation, with a mission to strengthen the country's advanced technology sector and its contribution to a more productive and future focused economy. Subject to the outcome of the Discovery Process, NZIAT would lead the design and initiation of a national quantum technology platform.

How we define 'quantum technology'

'Quantum technology' refers to technologies that make use of the quantum mechanical properties of particles to achieve specific functions or performance advantages. This includes quantum information and quantum-adjacent / enabled technologies that read, process, transmit, or secure information by controlling quantum states such as superposition, entanglement, and coherence. It also encompasses the underlying science, engineering, and research that enable the development and application of quantum systems.

How we will treat your information

Your information will be held by MBIE, shared with NZIAT, and will feed into a variety of outputs such as summary reports and workshops, some of which may be made publicly available in the future. Any specific information you mark as SENSITIVE will not be released publicly. Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools may be used to help process, aggregate and summarise the information you provide.

Section 2. Submitting your Response

Please use the **Response Form** provided and send by email to:

nziatestablishment@mbie.govt.nz

Note where information is SENSITIVE. This will not be shared publicly.

We will not accept Responses sent by post or delivered to our office.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the same email address above.

Deadline for Response submission

5.00 pm, Friday 6 March 2026, New Zealand time

Section 3. Terms

Defined terms are shown using capitals. You can find definitions at the end of this Section.

Submitting a Response

The Respondent must ensure that all information provided to MBIE:

- is true, accurate, and complete
- is not misleading in any material respect
- does not contain material that infringes a third party's Intellectual Property rights.

Conflict of Interest

The Respondent must complete the Conflict of Interest declaration in the Response Form. Where a joint Response is submitted, each participating organisation must complete its own declaration.

MBIE may exclude a Respondent from the Information Request process if a material Conflict of Interest exists, arises, or is identified.

Confidential Information

Without limiting any separate confidentiality arrangements, MBIE and the Respondent will each take reasonable steps to protect the other party's Confidential Information.

Except as permitted below, neither party may disclose the other party's Confidential Information to any third party without the Provider's prior written consent.

Each party may disclose the other party's Confidential Information to individuals directly involved in the Information Request process on its behalf—including employees, contractors, advisors, evaluation panel members, or governance representatives—solely for the purposes of participating in or supporting the Information Request. Where this occurs, the disclosing party must take reasonable steps to ensure:

- the information is not disclosed further, and
- it is not used for any purpose unrelated to the Information Request.

The Respondent acknowledges that MBIE's confidentiality obligations are subject to the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the Privacy Act 2020, parliamentary and constitutional conventions, and other legal obligations. If MBIE receives an OIA request relating to a Respondent's Confidential Information, we may consult with the Respondent to understand why the information is considered confidential or commercially sensitive.

Ownership of documents

The Respondent grants MBIE permission to share their Response with NZIAT. The Information Request and its contents remain the property of MBIE.

Intellectual Property in a Response remains the property of the Respondent or its licensors.

The Respondent grants MBIE a licence to retain, use, copy, and disclose information contained in the Response for purposes related to the Information Request process, including recordkeeping, analysis, and reporting.

Limited rights and obligations

Except where expressly stated, nothing in the Information Request, these Terms, or the Quantum Discovery Process creates a contract or other legal relationship between MBIE and any Respondent.

New Zealand law

New Zealand law governs the Information Request. Each Respondent agrees that:

- New Zealand courts have non-exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute relating to the Information Request or the Information Request process, and
- any claim relating to the Information Request must be brought only in a New Zealand court.

Disclaimer

Nothing in the Information Request, the Information Request process, or any related communication from MBIE constitutes legal, financial, technical, or other professional advice. Respondents should seek their own independent advice as appropriate.

Definitions

In relation to the Information Request the following words and expressions have the meanings described below.

Confidential Information	<p>Information a party (the <i>Provider</i>) discloses to the other (the <i>Recipient</i>) in connection with the Information Request that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• is by its nature confidential• is marked as confidential (e.g. ‘confidential’, ‘in confidence’, ‘restricted’, ‘sensitive’)• the Recipient knows, or should reasonably know, is confidential to the Provider or a third party. <p>Confidential Information does not include information that becomes publicly available through no fault of the Recipient, or that the Recipient obtains independently of the Provider.</p>
Conflict of Interest	<p>A situation where the personal or business interests, relationships, or obligations of the Respondent (or its personnel) do, could, or could reasonably be perceived to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• conflict with the Respondent’s obligations under the Information Request, or• call into question the independence or impartiality of anyone involved in the Information Request process on behalf of MBIE. <p>A Conflict of Interest may be actual, potential, or perceived.</p>
Deadline for Responses	The time and date for submitting Responses to MBIE, as stated in Section 2.
Intellectual Property	All intellectual and industrial property rights, whether statutory or at common law, including (but not limited to) copyright, trademarks, designs, and patents.
Point of Contact	MBIE and each Respondent are required to appoint a Point of Contact. This is the channel to be used for all communications during the Information Request process. MBIE’s Point of Contact is identified in Section 2 of the Information Request. The Respondent’s Point of Contact is identified in its Response.
Respondent	A person, company or organisation that submits a Response in Response to the Information Request, including each member of any consortium.
Response	All information submitted by a Respondent in reply to the Information Request, including the completed Response Form and any supporting material.
Response Form	The form prescribed by MBIE for Respondents to complete and submit as part of their Response.
Terms	Means the Terms as set out in Section 3 of the Information Request.

For more definitions, click [HERE](#).