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February 2026	Crown Entities (New Zealand Institute for Advanced Technology Limited) Order 2026	Parliamentary Counsel Office
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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Orders in Council to Establish the New Zealand Institute for Advanced Technology Limited

Portfolio **Science, Innovation and Technology**

On 12 February 2026, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in November 2024, Cabinet agreed to reform the science, innovation and technology system, including the establishment of a public research organisation focused on advanced technologies [CAB-24-MIN-0504.02];
- 2 **agreed** to establish the New Zealand Institute of Advanced Technology Limited (NZIAT) as a Crown entity company ahead of the Science, Innovation and Technology Bill being enacted;
- 3 **agreed** to exempt NZIAT from sections 161 to 165 of the Crown Entities Act 2004;
- 4 **agreed** to make NZIAT subject to the Ombudsmen Act 1975;
- 5 **noted** that the following Orders in Council will give effect to the decisions above to establish the NZIAT:
 - 5.1 Crown Entities (New Zealand Institute for Advanced Technology Limited) Order 2026 [PCO 28301/3.0];
 - 5.2 Ombudsmen (New Zealand Institute for Advanced Technology Limited) Order 2026 [PCO 28302/3.0];
- 6 **authorised** the submission to Executive Council of the Orders in Council in paragraph 5;
- 7 **noted** that the Orders in Council will come into force on 20 March 2026, allowing compliance with the 28-day rule.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Simon Watts
Hon James Meager
Stuart Smith, MP
Todd Stephenson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG