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Dear Andrew

Thank you for the joint letter received 1 April 2025 about New Zealand's participation in the Open Government Partnership.

As you noted in your letter, I have been progressing a range of actions to improve Public Service performance, strengthen public governance, and deliver value for money services to all New Zealanders.

Our commitment to open government is a core principle for the Public Service and an important contributor to our continuing international reputation as a leading democracy.

I am expecting to receive advice from the Public Service Commission about development of the fifth National Action Plan shortly. I hope to be able to engage with stakeholders on the direction of travel in the middle of the year, and my office will be in touch.

I have shared your suggestions of programmes that would further strengthen open government with officials at the Public Service Commission and noted your comments about the benefits of engaging with other OGP members.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to advancing open government in New Zealand.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith Collins'.

Hon Judith Collins KC  
**Minister for the Public Service**