

PCO AI Legislative Drafting Pilot — New Zealand's generative-AI trial for explanatory notes and consolidations

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · New Zealand

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

New Zealand's Parliamentary Counsel Office ran a six-month, five-partner R&D; programme fine-tuning an 8-billion-parameter model on 200 examples of NZ legislation to test AI for drafting explanatory notes, consolidating Acts and answering plain-language legislation queries.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-01

[Parliamentary Counsel Office \(PCO\), New Zealand](#) — accessed 2026-07-01

[Catalyst IT case study — PCO explores legislative drafting with AI](#) — accessed 2026-07-01

[PCO — Legislative Data and Technology](#) — accessed 2026-07-01

[PCO — Could AI be used to generate prospective consolidations of updated Acts?](#) — accessed 2026-07-01

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