

57836 (2025). Francisco Hernandez to the Minister for Media and Communications (10 December 2025):

What are the holiday shut down dates, if any, for the Minister's departments, agencies, crown entities and any other bodies that the Minister is responsible for, if any, during the 2025-26 holiday period?

Response:

I am advised that the departments, agencies, and Crown entities that I am responsible for have the following shut down dates:

Agency/Entity	Shutdown dates
Broadcasting Standards Authority	20 December 2025 – 4 January 2026 (inclusive)
Broadcasting Commission (NZ On Air)	20 December 2025 – 4 January 2026 (inclusive)
Television New Zealand (TVNZ)	24 December 2025 – 9 January 2026 (inclusive)

I am further advised that Radio New Zealand (RNZ) does not have a formal shutdown period. RNZ is a national public radio broadcaster and digital media organisation and operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including throughout the holiday period. RNZ also has a Civil Defence Lifeline utility role, requiring the continuous provision of information during emergencies and critical events. Broadcast, news, and lifeline services therefore continue uninterrupted at all times. Non-operational staff are encouraged to take leave over the holiday period where this is appropriate to their role, while ensuring continuity of essential services.