



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

10 May 2024

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## Official Information Request

**Our Ref: OIA 2024-0084**

I refer to your official information request received on 11 April 2024 for:

*“Copies of all proposal documents prepared to give effect to the Government’s directive to reduce expenditure in the public service, including but not limited to reduction of staff numbers and resulting redundancies.*

*If no such specific proposal document exists, please provide copies of all documents concerning the reduction of staff and redundancies from 27 November 2023 to present.”*

### Our Response

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) has not yet commenced a formal change process in relation to the Government’s financial sustainability programme. The consultation process is expected to commence before the end of May 2024 and the timing of the final decisions will depend on the outcome of the consultation process.

At the time of your request, the Commission had no proposal documents which have been prepared to give effect to the Government’s savings target. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the grounds the information does not exist.

### Information being withheld

Listed in the table below are documents we have within scope of your request.

Date	Name of Report	Decision
14 December 2023	<b>REPORT – 2024-0316</b> - Public Service Commission financial position	Withheld in full
7 February 2024	<b>REPORT – 2024-0033</b> - Fiscal Sustainability Programme	Withheld in full
	Programme Office timeline Feb 2024	Withheld in full
	Programme Office revised timeline March 2024	Withheld in full

I have decided to withhold these documents in full under the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of individuals
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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