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Official Information Request
Our Ref: OIA 2024-0220

I refer to your official information request received on 15 August 2024 where you have asked:

“This is an OIA request on PSC advice on the setting up of Whaikaha the Ministry of Disabled People. Please send me:

All advice by the Public Service Commission to Ministers on the setting up of Whaikaha the Ministry of Disabled People. This should include agendas where Waikaha was an item, email correspondence and documents.

Internal Public Service Commission advice on the setting up of Whaikaha the Ministry of Disabled People. This should include agendas where Waikaha was an item, email correspondence and documents.

Any warnings by Public Service Commission staff to Chief Executives or other representatives of public service departments about the challenges in setting up of Whaikaha the Ministry of Disabled People. This should include notes on meetings that were “off the record” / “off line” and briefings to DPMC or briefings that included PAGs. This should include agendas where the setting up of Whaikaha the Ministry of Disabled People was an item, the content of emails and the timing of phone calls where there is no record of the content of the phone call.”

Publicly available information

Listed in the table below is advice created by Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission provided to Minister’s on setting up of Whaikaha, the Ministry of Disabled People. We have also included the Ministry of Social Development Cabinet Paper Disability System Transformation: establishing a Ministry for Disabled People and national implementation of the Enabling Good Lives approach and six appendices, as this is relevant to your request.

This information is publicly available and can be found on The Ministry of Social Development and Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission’s websites at the links provided in the table. We are refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act on the grounds that the information requested is publicly available.

| Item | Date | Document Description | Decision |
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| 1 | 29 September 2021 | Cabinet Paper: Disability System Transformation: establishing a Ministry for Disabled People and national implementation of the | Disability System Transformation: establishing a Ministry for Disabled People and national implementation of the Enabling Good Lives approach - |

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| | | Enabling Good Lives approach and six appendices | Ministry of Social Development (msd.govt.nz) |
| 2 | 16 May 2022 | Cabinet Paper: Orders in Council for the establishment of the Ministry for Disabled People | https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Orders-in-Council-for-Establishment-of-Ministry-for-Disabled-People.pdf |
| 3 | 28 March 2022 | 2022-0058 - Aide Memoire - Cabinet papers updating on the future disability system | Publications - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission |
| 4 | 26 April 2022 | 2022-0068 - Aide Memoire - Cabinet paper for lodging: Orders in Council to establish the Ministry for Disabled People | Publications - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission |
| 5 | 5 May 2022 | 2022-0085 – Aide Memoire - Final Cabinet paper for lodging: Orders in Council to establish the Ministry for Disabled People | Publications - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission |

Information not held

The Commission does not hold any internal advice documents. All advice created by the Commission on this matter is included in the advice documents to the Minister in the above-mentioned Aide Memoires and outlined in the publicly available Cabinet papers.

The Commission did not provide any warnings to Chief Executives or other representatives of public service departments about the challenges in setting up of Whaikaha the Ministry of Disabled People. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act on the grounds the information requested does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact 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 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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