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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2024-0246

I refer to your official information request received on 6 September 2024 where you have asked:

“This paper [Implementing Machinery of Government Changes](#) said “Should you wish to consider options for rationalising and simplifying the system of agencies, we can provide further advice...” (para 32). Have you provided any other such advice or been asked to work on such advice? [btw I really liked appendix one – you should consider adding it to your [How the public service is organised page](#)”

Information being withheld

Listed in the table below is one document within scope of your request provided to the Minister for the Public Service in relation to implementing Machinery of Government Changes. The title of this advice is publicly available on the Commission’s website and outlined in the table below.

Item	Date	Document Description
1	12 March 2024	2024-0066 – REPORT - Advancing increased efficiency through machinery of government change

I have decided to withhold in full the document listed above under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 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 Enquiries@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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Dirks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicky Dirks

**Manager – Ministerial and Executive Services
Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission**