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Official Information Request Our Ref: 2024-0251

I refer to your official information request received on 16 September 2024:

"I have an OIA request regarding the Cabinet office directive to deliver services by need and award contracts by race. The Cabinet paper about issuing this directive mentions consultation with "Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Arawhiti, the Crown Law Office, the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment. Statistics New Zealand and the Social Investment Agency ... on specific aspects of the paper referring to those agencies".

Could any written response as part of this consultation from those agencies please be provided under the OIA."

On 14 October 2024, we notified you of an extension of time to make our decision to 11 November 2024, due to consultations needed to make a decision on your request.

Information being released

Please find listed in the table below documents within scope of your request, being feedback from consultation with Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Arawhiti, the Crown Law Office, the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, Statistics New Zealand and the Social Investment Agency regarding the 'Ensuring public services are based on need and contracts are awarded on value' Cabinet Paper.

Item	Document Description	Decision
1	Feedback from Te Puni Kōkiri	Released in part
2	Feedback from Te Arawhiti	Released in part
3	Feedback from the Crown Law Office	Released in part
4	Feedback from the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment	Released in part
5	Feedback from Statistics New Zealand	Released in part

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I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people
- section 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
- section 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege

In addition, some information has been deleted where it is duplicated or not within the scope of your request. We are now preparing the documents, and these will be released to you no later than 29 November 2024.

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) and enclosed documents on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

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