



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

5 November 2024

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## Official Information Request

**Our Ref: OIA 2024-0308**

I refer to your official information request received on 9 October 2024 where you asked:

*“Under the Official Information Act 1982, I request copies of the following:*

- *A list of dates of all meetings between Public Service Commission representatives and Kāinga Ora officials and/or Kāinga Ora Board members since November 2023 with attendees and topics covered in these meetings included.*
- *All communications between Public Service Commission officials and the Minister of Finance or her staff since November 2023 regarding the Minister’s views of then Chief Executive of Kāinga Ora, Andrew McKenzie, his performance, employment or continued employment.*
- *Copies of any briefings or other advice provided to your Minister since November 2023 about removing a Chief Executive from a Crown Agency.*

*Where a document that falls under scope of this request cannot be released, please supply a summary of that document’s contents. Where any document falls under the scope of this request, please release it in full, including sections which might otherwise be considered out of scope.”*

## Information being released

The Chief Executive of Kainga Ora is a member of the [Public Service Leadership Team](#) (PSLT). As part of this, the Commission has regular relationship meetings with them in support of initiatives the PSLT is engaged in. It’s important to note that, unlike departmental chief executives, the Public Service Commissioner is not the employer of Crown Entity chief executives and is not responsible for their performance management.

Crown Entity chief executives are employed and managed by Boards that are appointed under the Crown Entities Act 2004 (the Act). Under the Act the Board must seek the Public Service Commissioner’s consent to chief executive employment terms and conditions before they are finalised. Responsibility for assessing chief executive performance sits with the Board as noted above.

The Commission also provides induction sessions for Crown Entity Board Members which outline Central Agencies role in relation to Crown Entities, and the Integrity Champions network meet at least quarterly to discuss topics of interest and support development of resources across the public service Integrity Champions have a role in their agency to raise awareness and education on integrity matters, co-ordinate within their agency and issues management.

Please find listed in the table below dates of meetings since November 2023 the Public Service Commission has had with Kāinga Ora Officials and/or Kāinga Ora Board Members, attendees and type of meeting.

Item	Date	Meeting	Attendees
1	13 November 2023	Regular Relationship Meeting	<b>Kāinga Ora</b> Chief Executive Deputy Chief Executive, Sector Engagement Manager, Office of the Chief Executive <b>Public Service Commission</b> Assistant Commissioner
2	7 February 2024	Regular Relationship Meeting	<b>Kāinga Ora</b> Chief Executive Deputy Chief Executive, Sector Engagement Manager, Office of the Chief Executive <b>Public Service Commission</b> Assistant Commissioner
3	21 February 2024	Integrity Champion Meeting	<b>Kāinga Ora</b> Director, Governance <b>Public Service Commission</b> Deputy Commissioner Manager, Integrity, Ethics and Standards x2 Chief Advisor, Integrity, Ethics and Standards <b>32 other agencies attended</b>
4	6 March 2024	Regular Relationship Meeting	<b>Kāinga Ora</b> Chief Executive Deputy Chief Executive, Sector Engagement Manager, Office of the Chief Executive <b>Public Service Commission</b> Assistant Commissioner
5	3 April 2024	Regular Relationship Meeting	<b>Kāinga Ora</b> Chief Executive Deputy Chief Executive, Government and Sector Relationships Manager, Office of the Chief Executive <b>Public Service Commission</b> Assistant Commissioner
6	2 May 2024	Integrity Champion Meeting	<b>Kāinga Ora</b> Director, Governance <b>Public Service Commission</b>

			Deputy Commissioner Manager, Integrity, Ethics and Standards x2 Chief Advisor, Integrity, Ethics and Standards <b>34 other agencies attended</b>
7	13 May 2024	Regular Relationship Meeting	<b>Kāinga Ora</b> Chief Executive Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Government and Sector Relationships <b>Public Service Commission</b> Assistant Commissioner
8	27 May 2024	Standard Public Service Commission Induction for Crown Entity Board Chairs	<b>Kāinga Ora Board</b> Simon Moutter, Board Chair Designate, <b>Ministry of Housing and Urban Development</b> Chief Executive Deputy Chief Executive Head of Crown Entity Monitoring <b>Public Service Commission</b> Manager, Public Sector Performance, Assistant Commissioner
9	5 June 2024	Regular Relationship Meeting	<b>Kāinga Ora</b> Chief Executive Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Government and Sector Engagement <b>Public Service Commission</b> Assistant Commissioner
10	25 July 2024	Regular Relationship Meeting	<b>Kāinga Ora</b> Chief Executive Deputy Chief Executive, Government and Sector Relationships Manager, Office of the Chief Executive <b>Public Service Commission</b> Assistant Commissioner
11	31 July 2024	Integrity Champion Meeting	<b>Kāinga Ora</b> Director, Governance <b>Public Service Commission</b> Deputy Commissioner Manager, Integrity, Ethics and Standards x2 Chief Advisor, Integrity, Ethics and Standards <b>20 other agencies attended</b>

12	28 August 2024	Standard Public Service Commission Induction for Crown Entity Board Members	<p><b>Kāinga Ora Board</b> Alan Dent, Board Member</p> <p><b>Ministry of Housing and Urban Development</b> Crown Entity Monitoring Team</p> <p><b>Public Service Commission</b> Assistant Commissioner Manager, Public Sector Performance</p> <p><b>Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet</b> Advisor, Policy Advisory Group</p>
13	5 September 2024	Regular Relationship Meeting	<p><b>Kāinga Ora</b> Chief Executive Incoming Chief Executive Deputy Chief Executive, Government and Sector Relationships</p> <p><b>Public Service Commission</b> Assistant Commissioner</p>
14	10 September 2024	Standard Public Service Commission Induction for Crown Entity Board Members	<p><b>Kāinga Ora Board</b> Ceinwen McNeil, Board Member</p> <p><b>Ministry of Housing and Urban Development</b> Crown Entity Monitoring Team</p> <p><b>Public Service Commission</b> Assistant Commissioner Manager, Public Sector Performance</p> <p><b>Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet</b> Advisor, Policy Advisory Group</p>
15	23 September 2024	Standard Public Service Commission Induction for Crown Entity Board Members	<p><b>Kāinga Ora Board</b> Simon Moutter, Chair Arihia Bennett, Board Member Jenn Bestwick, Board Member Peter Jeffries, Board Member John Duncan, Board Member</p> <p><b>Ministry of Housing and Urban Development</b> Head of Crown Entity Monitoring</p> <p><b>Public Service Commission</b> Manager, Public Sector Performance</p> <p><b>The Treasury</b> Acting Manager, Housing and Urban Growth</p> <p><b>Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet</b></p>

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**Information does not exist**

The Commission has not had any communication with the Minister of Finance or her staff regarding the Minister's views of then Chief Executive of Kāinga Ora, Andrew McKenzie, his performance, employment or continued employment and have not provided any advice to the Minister regarding removing a chief executive from a Crown Agency since November 2023.

I am therefore refusing these parts of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds the information does not exist.

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