



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

13 November 2024

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2024-0319

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

“I am requesting the following under the Official Information Act:

All advice and correspondence regarding the appointment of a new Public Services Commissioner, from November 27 2023 until the present day.”

Information publicly available

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) proactively releases Public Service Chief Executive Appointment papers on the Commission’s website. Listed in the table below is advice relating to the Appointment of the Public Service Commissioner which is publicly available on the Commission’s website at the link outlined in the table.

Item	Document Description	Website Address
1	Public Service Commissioner Appointment Papers	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/publications?Search=&Classification=Publication%2CGuidance&PublicationTypes%5B%5D=149-Appointment&action_doSearch=Search

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA on the grounds the information is or soon will be publicly available. Some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the OIA, on the grounds described in the documents.

Correspondence

There are additional documents covered by your request that I have decided to withhold in full under one of more of the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people
- section 9(2)(b)(a)(ii) - protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any

enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest

- 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 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



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