



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

23 September 2024

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2024-0330

I refer to your official information request received on 26 August 2024 where you have asked for:

1. *All advice prepared by your agency, regarding the appointment of a new Public Services Commissioner, since November 2023.*
2. *All advice prepared by your agency, regarding any impacts of public service cuts on the delivery of the nine Government Targets.*
3. *All advice prepared by your agency regarding the performance reviews of Public Service agencies.*
4. *All advice prepared by your agency, regarding the government's latest Workforce Policy Statement.*

Information not released

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) is currently engaged in the recruitment process for the new Public Service Commissioner. Until this new appointment is made, there is an acting Public Service Commissioner in place.

There are documents within scope of part one of your request that I have decided to withhold in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) in order 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.

Information not held

The Commission has not provided any advice regarding any impacts of public service cuts on the delivery of the nine Government Targets. I am therefore refusing part two of your request, under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds the information requested does not exist.

Information publicly available

Listed in the table below is advice prepared by the Commission regarding the performance reviews of Public Service agencies and the government's latest Workforce Policy Statement which is or soon will be publicly available on the Commission's website at the links provided in the table below.

Item	Document Description	Website Address
1	Overview of the Capability Review Programme	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/2024-0017-REPORT-Overview-of-the-Capability-Review-Programme.pdf
2	Performance Improvement Review of the Ministry for Pacific Peoples	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/MPP_Performance_Improvement_Review-SJ-15-May.pdf
3	Performance Improvement Review of the Inland Revenue	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/FINAL-IR_Performance_Improvement_Review-web-version.pdf
4	2024-0117 – REPORT - Performance Improvement Review of Inland Revenue	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/REPORT-Performance-Improvement-Review-of-Inland-Revenue.pdf
5	2024-0034 – REPORT – Capability Review of the Ministry for Pacific Peoples	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/REPORT-Capability-Review-of-the-Ministry-for-Pacific-Peoples.pdf
6	Performance Improvement Review of the Ministry of Transport	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/MoT-Performance-Improvement-Review.pdf
7	2024-0012 - Agency Capability Review of the Ministry of Transport	Publicly available soon
8	Government Workforce Policy Statement	Government Workforce Policy Statement
9	2023-0280 – REPORT – Delivering Outcomes through Effective Employment Relations – Implementing a Government Workforce Policy Statement on Public Sector Employment Relations	Publicly available soon
10	2024-0020 – REPORT – Government Workforce Policy Statement on Public Sector Employment Relations	Publicly available soon
11	2024-0140 – REPORT – Advice in relation to the Government Workforce Policy Statement in the context of the Crown’s legal obligations with respect to te reo Māori* <i>*Release of the title of this report does not waive privilege over any legally privileged content contained within the report</i>	Publicly available soon
12	2024-0162 – REPORT – Government Workforce Policy Statement on Public Sector Employment Relations – Cabinet Paper	Publicly available soon

13	2024-0202 – REPORT – Agreement to Lodge the 2024 Government Workforce Policy Statement on Public Sector Employment Relations Cabinet Paper	Publicly available soon
14	2024-0203 – AIDE MEMOIRE – 2024 Government Workforce Policy Statement on Public Sector Employment Relations Cabinet Paper	Publicly available soon

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the table above under section 18(d) of the OIA on the grounds the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

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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