



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

27 November 2024

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: PSCR 2024-0009

I refer to your official information request received on 30 October 2024 where you asked:

“Copies of advice, briefings or any other document provided to any other department regarding the transfer of the Firearms Safety Authority since 27 November 2023 to date.

Information being released

Please find listed enclosed and listed in the table below correspondence between the Public Service Commission, Ministry of Justice and New Zealand Police regarding the transfer of the Firearms Safety Authority.

I have decided to release these documents with some information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people.

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	15 January 2024 @ 10.53am 9 January 2024 @ 2.22pm 9 January 2024 @ 1.57pm 9 January 2024 @ 11.51am	EMAIL THREAD: Titled – The Firearms Safety Authority Te Tari Pureke - Machinery of Govt issues	Released in part

Information being withheld

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

- section 9(2)(a) - in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – in order to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown 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



Nicky Dirks

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

From: [Hannah Cameron](#)
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Cc: [Mereama Chase](#); [Philip Stables](#); [Callum Butler](#)
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Date: Monday, 15 January 2024 10:53:46 am
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Hi Rajesh

Phil met with Angela last Friday. There are clearly a lot of legislative and cost issues to resolve if there were to be a transfer of this function. We are keen not to jump to conclusions and to start with higher level policy advice on pros and cons, including any options that could be done to address Minister's concerns without any significant organizational change.

Would be good to get a working level contact for Phil in your policy team so that they can start to plan the process and timing for providing advice.

Cheers
Hannah

Hannah Cameron [\(she/her\)](#)

Kaikōmihana Tuarua | Deputy Commissioner

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Thanks Hannah for the intros.

We'll see how long it takes for the PM to respond, but an Associate Minister by name alone is a loose end they will want tidied up and the 100 days includes initial advice on repealing part 6 of the Arms Act, so they need a Minister that can act on that advice – which should by then come from MoJ.

Cheers and all the best for 2024 to everyone!

Jeremy

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Hi Jeremy

Good to hear that the policy transfer is going smoothly.

Mereama Chase is the manager responsible in this area, and Philip Stables in her team will be the key contact – he's currently refreshing himself on the previous work done in this area. Mereama is on leave for another few weeks, but Philip is on board if anyone has any technical queries.

Cheers

Hannah

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Kia ora Hannah and Anita

Happy New Year to you both. I hope you had a restful break and are ready for the work of 2024!

As we discussed earlier Hannah, the National - Act Coalition Agreement includes to:

Transfer responsibility for the Arms Act 1983, policy and regulation to the Ministry of Justice, and
transfer the Firearms Safety Authority, administrator of the Act, to another department such as the
Department of Internal Affairs.

The transfer of policy responsibility is likely to happen very shortly as the Ministers of Police and Justice have written to the PM seeking his agreement to the transfer and then the delegation to the Associate Minister can follow. The responsibility for advice on the other aspects of this agreement will then move to Justice. We will second a person to Justice to help them get up and running and will support them in the delivery of this advice, drawing on our existing SME. Clearly Justice will seek your involvement in the machinery of Govt aspects of the FSA change, including presumably whether DIA do offer an appropriate home agency.

Angela Brazier, the Executive Director of the Authority clearly has a very strong interest in the future of the Authority and its location and has been asked directly by the Associate Minister (Firearms) for advice on the likely ballpark costs of moving the Authority out of Police (and the costs will vary depending on the final legal form). We will work with the Authority to liaise with the Ministry of Justice team in ensuring that any advice is joined up.

Would you be able to provide Ang with a contact person they could talk to about the various options? You will recall we looked at I think five different options prior to the Authority's establishment and Margaret Mabbot was the PSC lead on the work at that time. Angela's email address is in the ccc line above.

Thanks very much,

Ngā mihi

Jeremy Wood ([he/him](#))
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