



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

2 December 2024

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: PSCR 2024-0014

I refer to your official information request received on 4 November 2024 for:

“I’d like to request from the Public Service Commission:

- all documents and internal communications relating to the appointment of the chief executive of the Crown Response Unit, particularly those relating to Rajesh Chhana.*
- all communications with Minister Nicola Willis regarding the appointment of the chief executive of the Crown Response Unit, particularly those relating to Rajesh Chhana.*
- all communications with Minister Erica Stanford regarding the appointment of the chief executive of the Crown Response Unit, particularly those relating to Rajesh Chhana”.*

Information publicly available soon

The following information is also covered by your request and will be publicly available soon on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission’s website at the link provided for in the table.

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	27 August 2024	2024-0261 –REPORT - Position Description: Functional Chief Executive, Government’s Response to the Royal Commission’s Report into Historical Abuse in Care	Publications - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission
2	8 October 2024	2024-0317 - REPORT - APPOINTMENT Functional Chief Executive Crown Response Office	Publications - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission
3	10 October 2024	2024-0326 - AIDE MEMOIRE - Talking points for Cabinet and Executive Council – Crown Response Office appointment	Publications - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission
4	14 October 2024	CABINET PAPER: Appointment: Functional Chief Executive, Government’s Response to the Royal Commission’s Report into Historical Abuse in Care, Crown Response Office	Publications - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission

5	14 October 2024	CAB-24-MIN-0400 Minute	Publications - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission
6	14 October 2024	Position Description and Summarised CV	Publications - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission

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

Information being withheld

The following information listed in the table below is also covered by your request.

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7	8 October 2024	2024-0318 - REPORT - Conditions of Employment - Crown Response Office 2024	Withheld in full

There are also additional documents covered by your request relating to the recruitment process for the appointment of Functional Chief Executive Crown Response Office 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) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
- 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

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 Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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