



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

25 January 2024

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2023-0325

I refer to your official information request received on 16 January 2024 where you have asked:

"I am seeking confirmation that The Hon James Shaw did in fact complete and was awarded a Master's in sustainable development and business leadership at Bath University in UK as his bio claims. I know he does not have a BA as he has claimed from Victoria University in Wellington

I would also request confirmation as to what legal qualification the former Green MP Golriz Ghahraman has. Is she qualified as a lawyer, legal assistant or Barrister. Is her qualification in New Zealand or overseas."

Our response

The information you have requested is not held by Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission). We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act on the grounds the information is not held by the Commission.

As required under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982, if the Commission does not hold the information, but we believe the information is held by another agency, we are required to transfer your request.

However, your request is regarding a Member of Parliament and a former Member of Parliament who are not subject to the Official Information Act 1982. You may wish to contact James Shaw MP directly requesting this information. Contact information for James Shaw MP can be found at the following link: <https://www.parliament.nz/en/mps-and-electoralates/members-of-parliament/shaw-james/>.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@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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