



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

29 January 2024

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## Official Information Request

**Our Ref: OIA 2023-0322**

I refer to your official information request received on 10 January 2024 where you have asked:

*“I write as an OIA request to receive official information covering all advice provided by your department to the Minister of Public Service and instructions given by the Minister of Public Service to the Public Service and new government regarding reducing the number of public servants.*

*This includes information about any risks and any adverse consequences for supporting the public service to reflect ethnic diversity within New Zealand and our future demographics.”*

### Information being released

Please find listed in the table below three reports Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) has provided to the Minister for the Public Service that relate to the topic “reducing the number of public servants”.

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	27 November 2023	2023-0291 – REPORT – Achieving fiscal savings and reducing spend on contractor and consultants	Refused in full
2	11 December 2023	2023-0306 – REPORT – Public Service Workforce Data – September Quarterly Update	Refused in full
3	14 December 2023	2023-0307 – REPORT – Monitoring the Crown entity workforce, including contractors and consultants	Refused in full

I have decided to withhold these reports in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) in order to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown.

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 [Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Dirks', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nicky Dirks

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