



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2023-0292

I refer to your official information request received on 1 December 2023 where you have asked:

“The PSC site outlines how advice and information may be provided to negotiating political parties (after the election and before being sworn in as Ministers). The PSC is the co-ordinating agency for requests by the parties.

I may have missed but can not find anything on proactive release of any such costings and advice.

I therefore request advice and costings provided to the National Party, NZ First and ACT from 14 October 2023 to 29 November 2023.

I am most interested in these topics:

- *The National Party tax policy for foreign buyers of land;*
- *The interest deductibility reinstatement for residential rental land;*
- *Commercial property depreciation reinstatement;*
- *International agreements (UN, WHO, double tax agreements);*
- *Repeal of smoke free regulation;*
- *The public good media funding;*
- *Provincial Growth Fund;*
- *Fiscal and budget forecasts.”*

Our response

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) is responsible for the process that provides information to political parties during negotiations to form a government.

The process followed is outlined on our website at the following link: [Standards: Providing information to political parties during negotiations to form a government - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#).

As has been done for previous government negotiations, the Commission is currently preparing the following information for release:

- the information that was received by the Political party
- the request the Commission sent to the agency,

- the documentation created by the Panel who approve the response and
- the response sent from the Agency to the Political party in response.

We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act on the grounds the information will soon be publicly available.

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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