



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

11 December 2023

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2023-0282

I refer to your official information request received on 23 November 2023 where you have asked the following:

- *“Any changes to policy on the use of te reo Māori in either internal or external communications since October 13 2023*
- *Any internal communications (including emails, texts, messages and memos) relating to the use of te reo Māori since October 13 2023*
- *Any advice received or prepared on the use of te reo Māori since October 13 2023”*

Our response

In response to the first part of your request. The Government has yet to issue any new policies or directives on the use of te reo across the Public Service. Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) support the policies of the Government of the day. We will respond to the policies of the Government as required.

We are refusing parts two and three of your request under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 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 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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