



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

2 February 2024

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## Official Information Request

**Our Ref: OIA 2023-0323**

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

*“I wish to submit an OIA request to receive information on all advice provided to and instructions received by the Minister of Public Service to the Public Service regarding te reo Maori names of government agencies and encouraging the use and recognition of expertise in te reo Maori in the public service”.*

### Our response

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) has provided advice to the Minister for the Public Service on specific commitments in the Government’s 100 day plan. This included one report within scope of your request.

The advice is currently being considered by the Minister for the Public Service, therefore I have decided to withhold the document in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

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

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