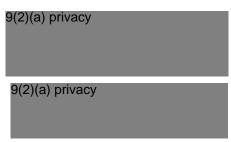


22 February 2024



Official Information Request Our Ref: OIA 2024-0005

I refer to your official information request received on 5 February 2024 where you asked:

"Please provide, under the OIA, copies of any documents, communications, emails, notes, discussions, meeting records, calls or other information, both internally and with external agencies (including Ministers and Cabinet), relating to the use of "Full and final settlement" clauses in historic claims settlement agreements (both RPF and ICA). I am happy to limit it to information created since 7 September 2023."

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 1982 (OIA) on the grounds the information is not held by the Commission.

As required under section 14 of the OIA, 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, as you have also made your request directly to the Ministry of Social Development, we do not see it necessary to formally transfer your request.

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 Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

Nicky Dirks

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