



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

28 February 2024

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## Official Information Request Our Ref: OIA 2024-0020

I refer to your official information request received on 20 February 2024 where you asked:

*“I am seeking the following information pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982:*

*all advice provided by you to any Minister or agency of the government regarding*

*a. the proposed Treaty Principles Bill;*

*b. amendments to legislation that refers to the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi or similar language;*

*c. amendments to the Cabinet Manual relating to The Treaty of Waitangi;*

*d. amendments to the Public Service Act 2020 relating to the Treaty of Waitangi”.*

On 26 February 2024 we notified you that we had transferred part c of your request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) for response and that you could expect to hear further from DPMC pertaining to part c of your request.

### Information not held – parts a and b

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) does not hold any information you are requesting in parts a and b of your request. Under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) we are required to transfer your request if the information is not held by our agency but believed to be held by another agency. The information you have requested is believed to be held by the Ministry of Justice.

Upon consulting with the Ministry of Justice on transferring parts a and b of your request to them for reply, they confirmed they had already received the same request from you. Therefore, as you have already sent your request to the Ministry of Justice and they have confirmed they will be responding to you directly, we do not see it necessary to transfer your request further.

### Information not held – part d

The Commission has not provided any advice about amendments to the Public Service Act 2020 relating to the Treaty of Waitangi to any Ministers or agencies.

Accordingly, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds the information requested does not exist.

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 flourish at the end.

Nicky Dirks

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