

6 June 2018



Our ref: SSC2018/0070

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 9 May 2018, requesting under the Official Information Act, the following:

'a copy of all briefings, reports and communications since 26 October 2017 between the State Services Commission and the office of the Minister for State Services on the Protected Disclosures Amendment Bill'.

There is no Protected Disclosure Amendment Bill at present. Therefore your request for the above information is declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act, as the information requested does not exist.

The State Services Commission (SSC) has begun a review of the Protected Disclosures Act 2000. This review aims to explore whether the law and procedures to protect people who report concerns about alleged wrongdoing needs to be strengthened to provide for a more comprehensive regime in New Zealand.

In December 2017, the Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of State Services, requested policy advice from SSC on the operation of the Protected Disclosures Act 2000. In early 2018, we held a targeted consultation process with stakeholders on their views of the Protected Disclosures Act. The findings of the targeted consultation, which took place during February and March 2018, were proactively released by SSC in May. We have also recently released further material relating to the review of the Act. These documents can also be found on the SSC website at: www.ssc.govt.nz/proactive-releases.

The review work is on-going and has been undertaken by SSC within baselines as part of our general work programme.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. 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 SSC's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Moore'.

Stephen Moore
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