



Te Kawa Mataaho
Public Service Commission

Official Information Forum

12 June 2023

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Opening karakia

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Whakataka te hau ki te tonga

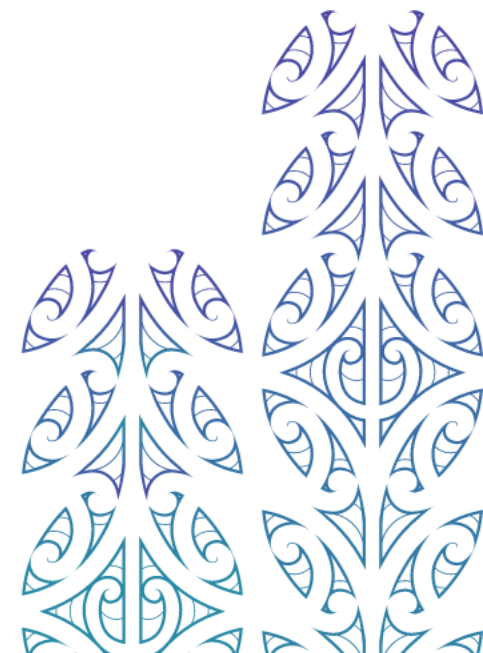
Kia mākinakina ki uta

Kia mātaratara ki tai

E hī ake ana te atākura

He tio, he huka, he hauhū

Tihei mauri ora!



Agenda

Thank you & thoughts on the importance of official information practices

Peter Hughes, Public Service Commissioner

Election Guidance: Official information during the pre-election period

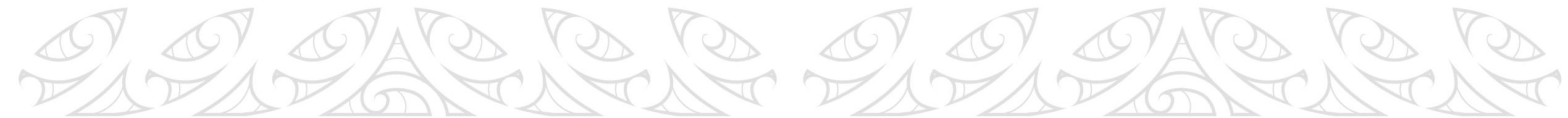
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Break

Panel: Official information practices in different team environments

ACC, CCC, MBIE, SFO, Worksafe

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Peter Hughes
Public Service Commissioner



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General Election Guidance 2023

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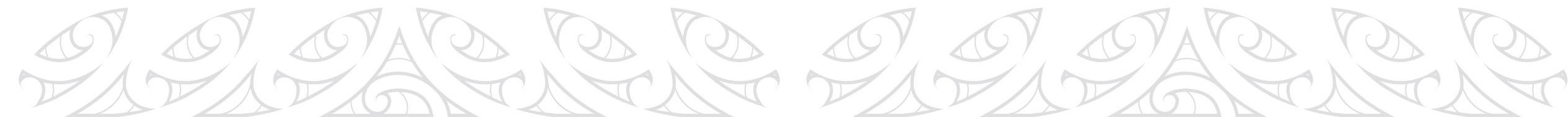
Election team

Cabinet Office

gives advice on elections and government formation, usually focusing on things that touch Ministers, such as pre-election period restraints and post-election constitutional conventions, as set out in the Cabinet Manual.

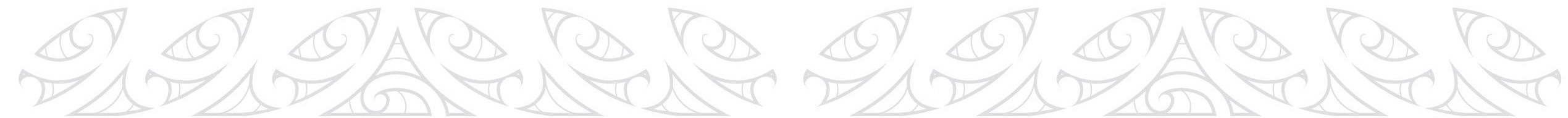
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supports the Public Service Commissioner as Head of Service, to lead the Public Service and wider public sector to work as one system to deliver better services and outcomes. This includes promoting the integrity of the Public Service.



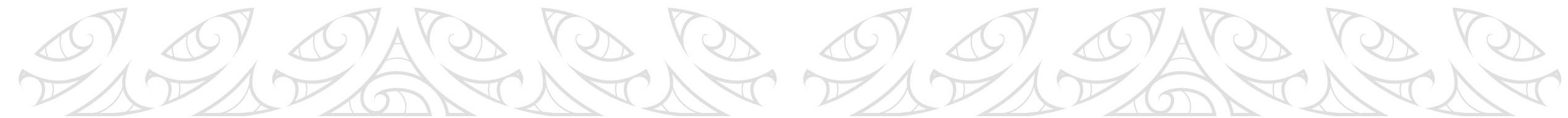
Political neutrality

- What is it?
- Why is it important?



What support is available

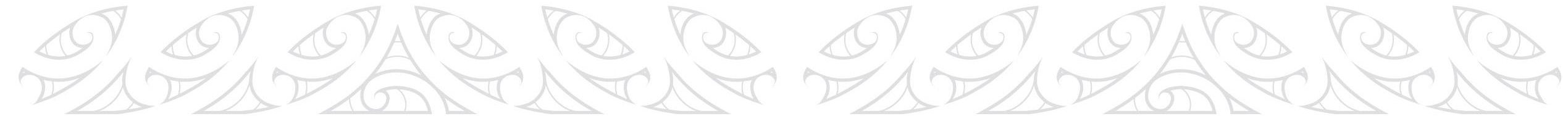
- Guidance
- Support within agencies
- Role of Te Kawa Mataaho + Cabinet Office



Top 10 things to watch out for in an election year

1. Policy development
2. Significant appointments
3. Government advertising
4. Public consultation
5. Communication with the media
6. Events, launches and visits to government buildings
7. OIA requests & proactive releases
8. Social media use
9. Political activity at work
10. Political activity outside work

Keep your politics out of your job, and your job out of your politics



What's in the guidance – official information

- Nothing actually changes.
- Proactive release still happens.
- Be responsive to information requests.
- MPs have the same rights but no extra ones.
- Ministers must be wearing their ministerial hats when asking for advice.
- Consulting or informing Ministers?





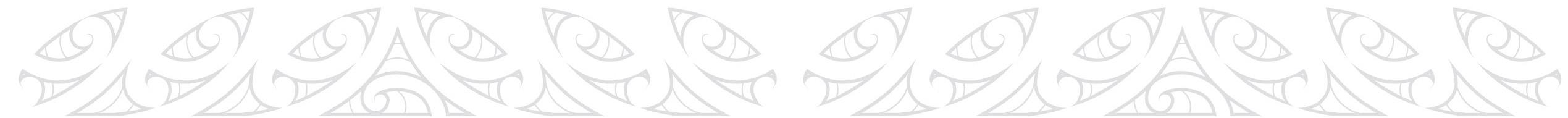
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Panel Discussion: Official Information practices in different team environments

Upcoming dates

- All event dates are on the Te Kawa Mataaho website.
- The next new practitioner's session will be held on 2 August 2023.
- The next forum is on 20 September and will include an update on the Jan-Jun 2023 OIA stats
- Any suggestions, or requests for topics to be covered at future sessions are always welcome.

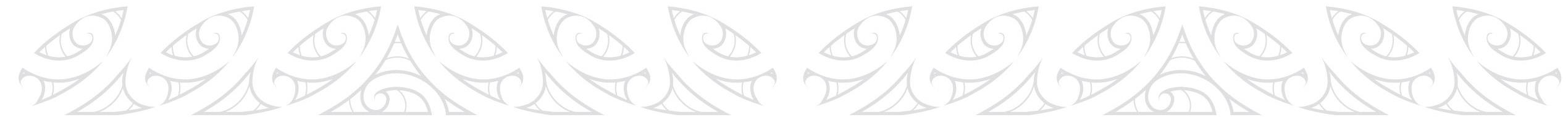


Here to help

If you need advice or assistance, or have topic for the Forum to consider, please contact Te Kawa Mataaho on OIAForum@publicservice.govt.nz

Check out our online resources:

<https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/guidance/official-information/>



Closing karakia

Unuhia, unuhia

Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui

kia wātea, kia māmā,

te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i
te ara takatū

Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake
ki runga

Kia tina! Hui e! TĀIKI E!





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Tēnā rawa atu koe
Thank you very much

