



Te Kawa Mataaho
Public Service Commission



General Election Guidance 2023

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Cabinet Office, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet



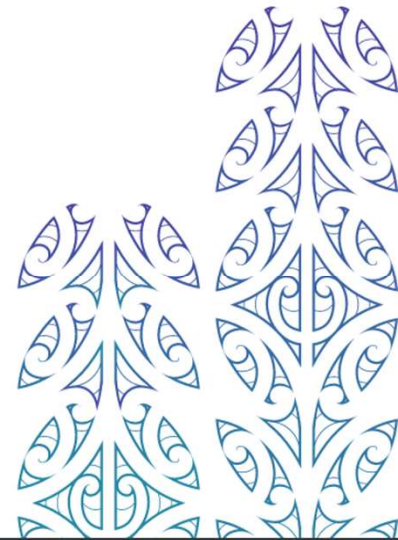
Election team

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.

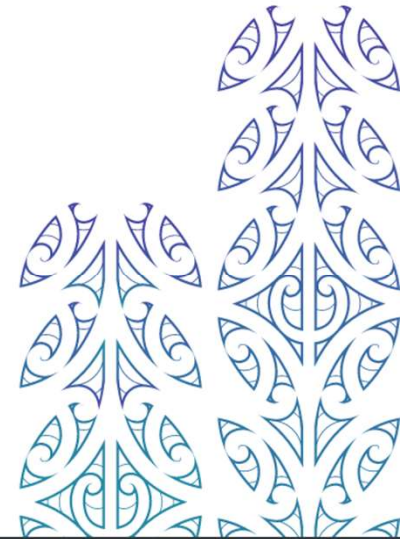
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supports the Public Service Commissioner as Head of Service, to lead the Public Service and wider public sector to work as one system to deliver better services and outcomes. This includes promoting the integrity of the Public Service.



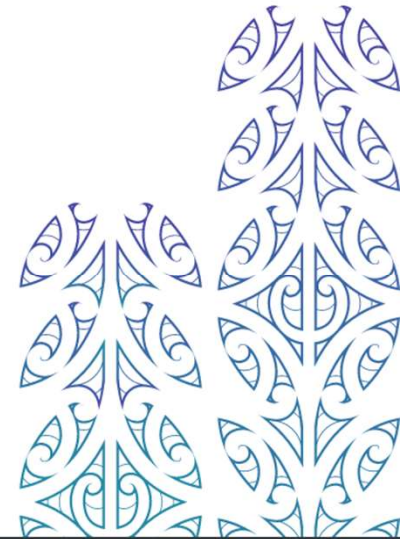
Political neutrality

- What is it?
- Why is it important?



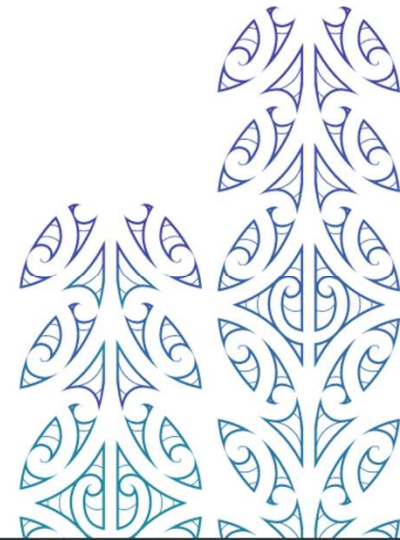
What support is available

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



Cabinet Office, DPMC

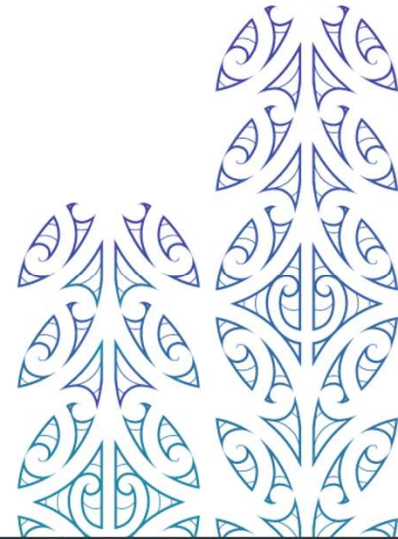
- Pre-election period
- Appointments
- Policy development
- After the election



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





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Tēnā rawa atu koutou Thank you very much

If you have specific queries about how your work might be impacted by the heightened sensitivity of an election year, please refer to our Election Guidance and don't hesitate to reach out to others within your agency for support.



Guidance

- [Cabinet Manual | Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet \(DPMC\)](#)
- [CO \(23\) 1: Government Decisions and Actions in the Pre-election Period | Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet \(DPMC\)](#)
- [General Election Guidance 2023 - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#)
- [Guidelines for Government Advertising - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#)
- [Social media - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#)
- [Standards of Integrity and Conduct - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#)

