



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

21 March 2024

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2024-0061

I refer to your official information request received on 18 March 2024 which you sent to Whaikaha Ministry of Disabled People and copied to Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) where you have asked the following:

“After today’s announced changes. I would like to request under the official informational act regarding the changes to purchasing rules announced on your website on March 18, 2024. I would like anything that related to this that is from the period dating November 27, 2023 until March 18, 2023 including:

- Reports, memos, letters, notes, advice and emails
- Materials like tape recordings, videos or computer records and
- Internal policies or guidelines for decision making”

Following receipt of our acknowledgement you further emailed us on 19 March 2024 asking the following:

“I would also like all email correspondence to and from Hon Penny Simmonds relating to the changes announced March 18, 2024 to funding Whaikaha - Purchasing Rules and Equipment and Modification Services (EMS) Update. I would especially like any emails of hers that contain the words "Pedicure or Massage"”

Our response

The information you have requested is not held by the Commission and is held by Whaikaha Ministry of Disabled People. In these circumstances we are required to transfer your request under section 14(b) of the Official Information Act, however, as you have already made your request directly to Whaikaha Ministry of Disabled People, we do not see it necessary to formally transfer your request on this occasion.

If you haven’t already done so, you will need to provide Whaikaha Ministry of Disabled People through the email address you sent your original email to (OIA_requests@whaikaha.govt.nz) with your extended request you sent on 19 March 2024.

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 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