

Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

10 April 2024

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Official Information Request Our Ref: OIA 2024-0078

I refer to your official information request received on 6 April 2024 where you have asked:

"Have any public communications been issued in relation to the local research activities that were performed by Allen + Clarke in 2023, before and after 28 June 2023 (date of Open Government Partnership Expert Advisory Panel meeting, referred to here: <u>https://ogp.org.nz/open-government-partnership/expert-advisory-panel/eap-meetingminutes-28-june-2023</u>)?

Please clarify / confirm, or let me know if you would prefer that I address my question to the people I know who were appointed to the Expert Advisory Panel for periods ending 30 June 2023 (as set out at https://ogp.org.nz/open-government-partnership/expert-advisory-panel)".

Information being withheld

There has been no public communication issued in relation to the local research activities that were performed by Allen and Clarke in 2023 before and after 28 June 2023 (date of Open Government Partnership Expert Advisory Panel meeting).

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the grounds the requested information does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact <u>Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz</u>.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> 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

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