



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

19 August 2024

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Official Information Act Response and Partial Transfer

Our ref: OIA 2024-0208

I refer to your follow up request for official information, dated 6 August 2024, regarding the transfer of your request with reference OIA 2024-0193 to the Ministry of Social Development where you have stated:

“This request appears incorrectly handled. The All of Government response into Gloriavale Christian Community was chaired by the Regional Public Service Commissioner. The group meeting is reportedly called the “Gloriavale-West Coast Stakeholder Group”. If one of your commissioners is/ was the chair, you should have the documents I have requested.

Please widen my request and also disclose the following:

- 1. All information that is held by the Public Service Commission on the All of Government response into Gloriavale Christian Community*
- 2. Please include all correspondence to and from the Commissioner (cited in the below article) that chaired the response/ group on this subject. This includes correspondence between him and the Minister and/or Associate Minister for Workplace Relations (at the time). Correspondence is written letters, electronic letters (incl email/ text/ any other form of written language). If meetings were held verbally, please transcribe statements to text per your legislative requirement*
- 3. Please include the original information I also requested (in the below emails). Your commissioner was overseeing regular reporting back to the government (Minister for Workplace Relations)”*

Regional Public Service Commissioners

It may help to explain that Regional Public Service Commissioners are not employees of Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission). The Cabinet Paper that explains the regional system leadership and the roles of the Regional Public Service Commissioners can be found on the Commission’s website at the following link:

<https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Cabinet-Paper-Joined-up-Government-in-the-Regions-report-back-Strengthening-a-regional-system-leadership-framework-for-the-public-service.pdf>

Regional Public Service Commissioners are overseen by the Secretary of Social Development, who has been appointed as system lead for the Public Service in the regions. Therefore, as outlined in our previous response, the appropriate agency to respond to your earlier request is the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).

Partial transfer your request

In response to this part of your request:

“Please include all correspondence to and from the Commissioner (cited in the below article) that chaired the response/ group on this subject. This includes correspondence between him and the Minister and/or Associate Minister for Workplace Relations (at the time). Correspondence is written letters, electronic letters (incl email/ text/ any other form of written language). If meetings were held verbally, please transcribe statements to text per your legislative requirement.”

The Commission does not hold any information in scope of the part of your request. However, we believe the information may be held by MSD. Therefore, as required by section 14 of the OIA, we have transferred this part of your request to MSD.

You will hear further from MSD concerning this part of your request along with your earlier request which was transferred to them on 6 August 2024.

Information not held

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) does not hold any information on the All of Government response into Gloriavale Christian Community. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the grounds the information does not exist.

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

As noted in my previous letter, 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



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