



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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## Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2025-0023

I refer to your official information request received on 24 July 2025 for:

### Request 1

I note the disestablishment of the "Integrity and Ethics Advisory Board" (IEAB) (cf <https://www.thepost.co.nz/politics/360765824/public-service-commission-scrapped-integrity-board-save-money>) Please send me the following information:

1. Minutes of the meetings of the IEAB including membership of the board.
2. Any advice formal or informal the IEAB gave to the Public Service Commission or the Commissioner, including emailed correspondence.
3. Any requests for advice from the AEIB made by the Public Service Commission or Commissioner.
4. Any response by the AEIB to requests for advice from the AEIB made by the Public Service Commission or Commissioner.
5. Any advice from the AEIB about the issues raised by Aaron Smale's reporting on the abuse of children in the care system and the response of senior public service officials to this abuse. This includes responses to Aaron Smale's reporting, responses to other commentary, and responses to the Royal Commission on the abuse and the public service response.
6. Any correspondence by the public service commission or public service commissioner to the AEIB on the abuse of children in the care system, the reporting on the issue and the Royal Commission report.

### Information publicly available

The following information is covered by parts one – four of your request and is publicly available on the Public Service Commission website [here](#).

Accordingly, I have refused this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the grounds the information requested is publicly available.

**Information does not exist**

I am refusing parts five and six of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, on the grounds that this information does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:Enquiries@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](http://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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