



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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## Official Information Request

**Our Ref: OIA 2025-0028**

I refer to your official information request received on 28 July 2025 for:

*“On 15 July 2025, on behalf of the Public Service Commission, you wrote to me replying to an OIA request.*

*A part of the information sought concerned the allegation made against Mr McSkimming that resulted in Mr McSkimming being stood down for duties whilst an investigation proceeded. My understanding is that the complainant in the matter reported directly to the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA).*

*I wish to ascertain the date that this complaint was made as it is empirical to the issues at hand.*

*However, the IPCA is not subject to the Official Information Act. As the date of the complaint being made to the IPCA will form information provided to the Police Minister and Prime Minister, I accordingly continue the OIA request seeking this information.*

*For clarity, my request under the OIA is for the date that the complaint was made to the IPCA that alleged Mr McSkimming had allegedly acted inappropriately to a female non-sworn police staff member.*

*As this date is empirical to the issues at hand and as the Prime Minister and Minister of Police have this information, I accordingly seek disclosure of the above date request and thank you for your co-operation in this matter”.*

## Information not held

In November 2024, Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) was advised by the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) that they had received a complaint, however, the exact date that the complaint was made to the IPCA that alleged Mr McSkimming had allegedly acted inappropriately towards a female non-sworn police staff member is not held by the Commission.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the grounds the information requested is not held by the department and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department that is subject to the OIA.

As outlined in our earlier response, any requests regarding the IPCA investigation should be made directly to IPCA.

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 Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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