



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

12 November 2025

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2025-0118

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received on 14 October 2025 for:

1. *Copies of any notes taken by the Public Services Commissioner, or PSC staff regarding the Commissioner's meeting with the Minister for Pacific Peoples on 11 August 2025.*
2. *Copies of all documents provided to the Public Services Commissioner in advance of his meeting with the Minister for Pacific Peoples on 11 August 2025.*
3. *A list of the attendees of the Public Services Commissioner's meeting with the Minister for Pacific Peoples 11 August 2025.*
4. *Copies of all emails or text messages sent or received by the Public Services Commissioner regarding his meeting with the Minister for Pacific Peoples on 11 August 2025.*
5. *Copies of all emails, Microsoft Teams messages, or text messages sent or received by any member of the Public Services Commissioner's office regarding his meeting with the Minister for Pacific Peoples on 11 August 2025.*
6. *A summary of the discussion with the Minister for Pacific Peoples on 11 August 2025.*

Our response

The Public Service Commissioner and Deputy Public Service Commissioner regularly meet with the Minister for the Public Service and other Ministers. These meetings provide an opportunity for the Commissioners to share updates on the performance of the public service and to discuss matters relevant to a Minister's portfolio or departmental responsibilities.

Information being released - Part three

On 11 August 2025, the following officials attended a meeting with Hon Dr Shane Reti:

- Sir Brian Roche, Public Service Commissioner, Public Service Commission
- Josh Blackmore, Assistant Commissioner, Public Service Commission
- Gerardine Clifford-Lidstone, Secretary for Pacific Peoples and chief executive of the Ministry for Pacific Peoples.

Information being withheld - Parts one, two, four, five and six

There are documents that exist covered by parts one, two, four, five and six of your request that I have decided to withhold in full under the following sections of the OIA:

- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact 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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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