



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

16 January 2026

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2025-0173

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

1. All documents, briefings, emails or internal notes held by DPMC that reference the security clearance level required for the Deputy Commissioner of Police position;
2. The rationale behind requiring that clearance level;
3. Any risk assessments or threat assessments relevant to determining the clearance requirement;
4. Any reviews or reconsiderations of clearance settings for senior police leadership roles;

Information publicly available

The Public Service Commission is not responsible for setting or the rationale of the security clearance level required for the Deputy Commissioner of Police position. This is undertaken by the sponsoring agency which in the case of this position, is NZ Police. However, the Commission does hold documents that reference the security clearance required which is covered by your request and is publicly available on the website at the links provided for in the table below.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1	2023	Appointment Papers - Deputy Police Commissioner	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Appointments-Deputy-Commissioners-of-Police.pdf
2	2018	Appointment Papers - Deputy Police Commissioner	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Appointment

			-the-Deputy-Commissioner-of-Police.pdf
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Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the grounds the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Information does not exist

The Commission has also not undertaken any risk assessments or threat assessments relevant to determining the clearance requirement and has not undertaken any reviews or reconsiderations of clearance settings for senior police leadership roles. I am therefore refusing parts three and four of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds the information requested does not exist.

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) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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