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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2026-0080

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by the Public Service Commission (the Commission) on 2 April 2026 for:

- (i) *A copy of the Public Sector Implementation Plan for the National Fuel Response Plan*
- (ii) *Updates sent on 26 March 2026 to the Public Service Minister's Office titled 'National Fuel Plan and working from home' and 'Mobility Hub Activation'*
- (iii) *All correspondence from the Ministry for Defence and the New Zealand Defence Force, which provides substantive input into the Public Sector Implementation Plan for the National Fuel Response Plan*
- (iv) *Any and all directives that have been sent by the public service commission to other public sector departments, regarding the national fuel plan and/or current fuel crisis.*

Information not released

The 'Fuel Response Plan 2026: Public Sector Implementation Plan' is currently under the active consideration of Ministers. I am therefore withholding documents within scope of parts one and three of your request under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following document within scope of part two of your request.

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	27 March 2026	Excerpts – Weekly report updates titled 'National Fuel Plan and working from home' and 'Mobility Hub Activation'	Released in part

I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people.

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

Information does not exist

The Commission has not issued any directives to other public sector departments regarding the national fuel plan and/or current fuel crisis, so we are refusing part four of your request in full 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 response (with your personal details removed) on the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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**Excerpts: Weekly Report to the Minister for the Public Service – Week Ending 27
March 2026**

National Fuel Plan and working from home

The Public Service Commission (the Commission) was engaged by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to contribute to a draft briefing on Fuel Demand Scenarios and Triggers, with a particular focus on working-from-home settings for public servants. The Commission's advice was that public service departments and departmental agencies should continue to use existing Flexible Working Guidance and agency policies to consider working from home for public service roles suitable for remote work and in ways that maintain or improve performance and team cohesion. The Commission further advised that all services essential to the public are to remain on site and that timely and targeted advice on the application of the Flexible Working Guidance by agencies will be provided, as levels change.

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Mobility Hub Activation

The Public Service Mobility Hub has been activated to support the All-of-Government response to emerging fuel supply pressures. The Hub has already successfully sourced a number of experienced policy staff to provide surge capacity to MBIE, particularly to support work on the National Fuel Plan response. The Hub will continue to work to fill other critical roles as required. This approach enables the system to prioritise critical capability needs and flex resources quickly as pressures evolve.

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