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**Official Information Request**  
**Our Ref: GDDAOIA 2026-0102**

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by the Government Digital Delivery Agency (GDDA) at the Public Service Commission (the Commission) on 8 April 2026 for:

1. *“Internal Assessments of Specific IP: All reports, memos, emails, and briefing notes that reference NZ Patent 585443 (Digital Property Registry Architecture) or NZ Patent Application 765057 (Transaction State and Engagement Architecture).*
2. *Crown Use Authorizations: Any documentation or correspondence regarding the consideration of Section 55 of the Patents Act 1953 (or Section 176 of the Patents Act 2013) in relation to the state-machine architectures and transaction enforcement mechanisms adopted by the Trust Framework Authority.*
3. *Technical Drafting Instructions: The technical drafting instructions provided to the Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) for the sections of the Act and Rules governing "transaction state" and "verification enforcement," to identify the source of these technical requirements.*
4. *Third-Party Consultations: Any records of consultations with technical advisors or government agencies (such as the Ministry of Justice or the Department of Internal Affairs) that discuss the "mirroring" and "codification" of private technical contributions into the Trust Framework”*

You sent a further clarification on 8 April 2026, outlining:

5. **“Scope of “information held”**  
*For the purposes of this request, we ask that “information held” be interpreted to include:*
  - *Material held by the Government Digital Delivery Agency (including its predecessor functions, such as the Government Chief Digital Officer);*

- Information held by contractors, advisors, or third parties engaged in the development of the Digital Identity Services Trust Framework;
- Drafting materials, working papers, and informal communications (including emails, notes, and technical discussions), not limited to formal reports.

#### 6. **Temporal scope**

The request is not limited to the period immediately preceding enactment of the Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Act 2023. It includes:

- Earlier policy development, system design, or digital identity initiatives that informed the Trust Framework;
- Any prior consideration of registry-based systems, transaction state models, or verification/enforcement architectures.

#### 7. **Cross-agency and consultation material**

In relation to the requested third-party consultations and drafting inputs, this includes:

- Communications with the Parliamentary Counsel Office;
- Engagement with the Ministry of Justice, Department of Internal Affairs, and other agencies;
- Any material reflecting how technical concepts were translated into legislative or operational form.

#### 8. **Reference to identified IP**

For avoidance of doubt, references to NZ Patent 585443 and Patent Application 765057 include:

- Direct references to those identifiers; and
- Indirect references to substantially similar architectures, including registry-based transaction systems, state-machine models, or coordinated multi-party interaction frameworks.

#### 5. **Contextual material (attached)**

We attach 2009 Ministry of Justice correspondence as contextual material to assist in identifying earlier records and cross-agency awareness of relevant system concepts. By way of context, the attached correspondence is provided to assist in identifying earlier records and cross-agency awareness of related system concepts, including any material arising from official consideration of the processes and methods referred to therein.”

### **Information does not exist**

The Public Service Commission does not hold any information in scope of your request, as the patents and phrases you refer to, were not considered by the Government Digital Delivery Agency, as part of the development of the Trust Framework.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds the 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 response (with your personal details removed) on the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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