



Public Service Commission
Te Kawa Mataaho

11 June 2026

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Official Information Request
Our Ref: OIA 2026-0129

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by the Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho (the Commission) on 20 May 2026 for:

1. *"...all documents on the appointment of Peter Chrisp in his role at DOC.*
2. *Please also include any details on whether an alleged "deal" with Stuart Nash in relation to comments Nash made about women was looked at in relation to the hiring process."*

Information publicly available – Part one

Chief Executive appointment papers are made available by the Commission following the appointment decision announcement, to support transparency and accountability in the appointment process. Listed in the table below is information within scope of your that will be publicly available soon on the Commission's website at the link provided in the table.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1	9 December 2025	MoSR 2025-0795 – REPORT – Vacancy Paper for Lodging - Director-General of Conservation and Chief Executive, Department of Conservation	Publicly available soon: https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/publications
2	9 December 2025	MoSR 2025-0796 – AIDE MEMOIRE – Talking Points for APH and Cabinet - Director-General of Conservation and Chief Executive, Department of Conservation vacancy	
3	14 May 2026	MoSR 2026-0167 – AIDE MEMOIRE – Talking points for Cabinet:	

		Appointment of the Director-General of Conservation and Chief Executive, Department of Conservation	
4	11 May 2026	MoSR 2026-0168 – REPORT – Appointment: Director-General of Conservation and Chief Executive, Department of Conservation	
5		Cabinet paper: Appointment: Director-General of Conservation and Chief Executive, Department of Conservation Attachments: - Recommendation - Position Description - Summarised CV - Cabinet Minute - Cabinet Summary - Warrant	

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the OIA on the grounds the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the OIA, on the grounds described in the documents.

Information does not exist – part two

The Public Service Commission’s role in chief executive appointments is governed by the principle of merit-based selection, in accordance with the Public Service Act 2020. This requires appointments to be made through a fair, transparent, and robust process, based on candidates’ skills, experience, and suitability for the role.

The Commission has not identified any information within scope of your request regarding an alleged “deal” being considered as part of the appointment process.

Accordingly, I have refused this part 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 response (with your personal details removed) on the Commission's website

Yours sincerely



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