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Official Information Act Request
Our Ref: OIA 2026 - 0159

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by the Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho (the Commission) on 4 June 2026:

"I've been told by Treasury that agencies (I'm presuming just public service agencies, but could extend to other Crown entities etc) received letters addressed to their Ministers, and a letter from the Public Service Commission and the Treasury on Tuesday 19 May, about the Government's announcement concerning cuts to public service baselines, cuts to public service FTEs, and mergers of public service departments. These letters sought proposals from agencies for giving effect to the transformation. I'd like to request all of these letters.

I've been told by Treasury that these letters will be released as part of the Budget proactive release. However, from what I can tell based on the timing in previous years the Budget proactive release could be four months away, so I would like to request them now without undue delay".

Information publicly available

As advised by the Treasury, the letters you have requested, as listed in the table below, are currently being prepared for proactive release alongside other Budget 2026 information and will be made publicly available shortly on the Treasury and Commission websites.

Item	Date	Document Description
1	19 May 2026	Letter from central agency chief executives
2	19 May 2026	Letter from the Minister of Finance to the Minister for the Public Service and Digitising Government

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.

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 Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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