



Public Service Commission
Te Kawa Mataaho

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Official Information Act Request
Our Ref: OIA 2026-0169

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by the Public Service Commission (the Commission) on 11 June 2026 for:

“For specificity, “Public service overhaul” is in reference to this announcement specifically and no other announced public service cuts in the past Public service to be overhauled | Beehive.govt.nz

Under the OIA, could you please provide the following:

- 1. What is the expected timeline of implementing the Government’s public service overhaul targets within your agency, and when you expect to consult staff on restructures if you have not done so already?*
- 2. Whether your agency is planning on or considering to cut any roles located in the Northland region, and if so, how many, and what specific roles?*
- 3. Whether your agency is planning on or considering to cut any Māori specific roles, and if so, how many, and what specific roles?*
- 4. Whether your agency is planning on or considering to cut any staffing who have identified to Whakapapa Māori, and if so, how many, and what specific roles?*
- 5. What advice, including briefings, weekly reports, aide memoirs, or any other written advice, has been given to your leadership team or relevant Minister on the impact of cuts to any regional delivery programmes of work, if any?*
- 6. What advice, including briefings, weekly reports, aide memoirs, or any other written advice has been given to their leadership team or their Minister on any Māori workforce impacts of restructures to implement public service job cuts, if any?”*

Information does not exist

As part of Budget 26, Cabinet agreed to a programme of reform aimed at transforming the public service to streamline how it is organised, accelerate digital transformation, strengthen leadership and talent and improve efficiency and productivity.

Ministers have asked Chief Executives to work through what this means for their organisations over time, alongside service delivery priorities, digital change and operating model considerations.

As specific decisions on how these reforms will be achieved by the Commission have not yet been made, the Commission does not hold any information within scope of your request. Therefore, we are refusing 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 letter (with your personal details removed) on the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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