



Public Service Commission

Te Kawa Mataaho

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Official Information Act Request

Our Ref: OIA 2026-0173

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request transferred by the Prime Minister's Office to the Public Service Commission (the Commission) on 12 June 2026:

"Can you please provide me with answers and/information:

- 1. Has your government received advice either from ministry officials or contracted experts or independent experts about the use in Aotearoa use of artificial intelligence in the private or public sector.*
- 2. If yes to 1., can you please provide me with copies of all such advice."*

On 16 June 2026, you clarified the scope of your request to "advice related to the Government's 2026 Budget announcement of AI use" from Government Digital Delivery Agency (GDDA) officials or experts contracted by the GDDA.

Information does not exist

The Commission does not hold any information relevant to your request as the GDDA has not provided any advice about the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Public Service as it relates to the Government's Budget 2026 announcement. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

The new GDDA established within the Public Service Commission (the Commission) provides clear, mandated system leadership for AI across government through the Public Service AI Work Programme.

Through the Public Service AI Work Programme, government agencies are supported to assess AI use on a case-by-case basis, with a focus on ensuring that any deployment delivers clear public value and improves service delivery. Agencies are expected to apply the Responsible AI Guidance for the Public Service and the Public Service AI Framework when evaluating potential AI use cases. These frameworks require agencies to consider benefits, risks, ethical implications, privacy, safety, and reliability before implementation. This

approach ensures that AI is adopted in a way that is safe, transparent, accountable, and fair, rather than through a single, system wide determination of suitability.

Information about these resources and the Public Service AI Work Programme is available on digital.govt.nz: www.digital.govt.nz/standards-and-guidance/technology-and-architecture/artificial-intelligence/public-service-ai-work-programme.

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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