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Official Information Request
Our Ref: OIA 2026-0179

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by the Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho (the Commission) on 17 June 2026:

“Since 23 November 2023:

- 1. How many working groups, advisory groups, reference groups, expert panels, stakeholder groups, or similar bodies administered by your agency have required participants to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA), confidentiality agreement, or confidentiality undertaking as a condition of participation?*
- 2. Please provide the figure for each of:*
 - 23 November 2023 to 31 December 2023*
 - 2024*
 - 2025*
 - 2026 to date*
- 3. Please provide any current policy, guidance, or criteria governing when such agreements may be required.”*

Information being released – Part one and two

Crown Response Office (CRO)

The Crown Response Office (CRO) is a hosted agency within the Commission. The CRO was established in 2024 to coordinate, monitor and report on the Government’s response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions. As a hosted agency, the CRO has been included in our response.

The following groups related to the functions of the CRO are within scope of your request:

Years	Group	Detail
2023*	Redress Design Group	Confidentiality is a condition of appointment

2023, 2024, 2025, 2026	The Survivor Experiences Board	Confidentiality is a condition of appointment
2025, 2026	Abuse Inquiry Response Ministerial Advisory Group	Confidentiality is a condition of appointment
2026	Care Sector Reference Group	Confidentiality is a condition of participation

**The Redress Design Group ceased in November 2023 and delivered its proposals in December 2023.*

Government Digital Delivery Agency (GDDA)

The GDDA is a hosted agency within the Commission. The GDDA was established in 2026 to lead and coordinate digital government across the Public Service, including oversight of government-wide digital investment, procurement, and service delivery functions. As a hosted agency, the GDDA has been included in our response.

The following group related to the functions of the GDDA is within scope of your request.

Years	Group	Detail
2023, 2024, 2025, 2026	Māori Advisory Group (MAG)	Members need to declare conflicts of interest and exercise discretion with privileged information. Members are not required to sign non-disclosure or confidentiality agreements. Since the transfer of GDDA's functions to the Commission on 1 April 2026, no members of the MAG have been subject to a conflict-of-interest management plan.

Information does not exist – part three

Confidentiality requirements are a standard provision of all employment, secondment and co-location agreements. This obligation to maintain confidentiality applies throughout the duration of the individual's employment or engagement and continues after it ends to ensure all confidential information is protected at all times.

The Commission does not hold *any current policy, guidance, or criteria governing when such agreements may be required* 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 response (with your personal details removed) on the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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