



Public Service Commission
Te Kawa Mataaho

30 July 2026

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Official Information Request
Our Ref: OIA 2026-0193

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by the Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho (the Commission) on 26 June 2026 for:

“What date(s) was the Public Service Commission first advised of complaints by two separate complainants about the conduct of Police Commissioner Richard Chambers?

What date did the PSC decide the Commissioner did not need to stand down amid investigations into his conduct?

I request any emails, reviews or reports from Public Service Commissioner Brian Roche, deputy Heather Baggott, or any other member of staff at the PSC which relates to the decision not to stand down Commissioner Richard Chambers down amid investigations into two separate complaints about his conduct. This should include but not be limited to any information which relates to that decision making or assessment process.

I request any emails sent by any member of staff at the PSC to Commissioner Chambers, Assistant Commissioners Mike Pannett, Jill Rogers or Minister Mark Mitchell which advised of the PSC's decision not to stand Commissioner Chambers down in relation to the allegations currently being investigated by the IPCA and police”.

Information being released – parts one and two

In relation to the IPCA media statement released on 25 June 2026, the Commission received a complaint (also addressed to the IPCA) relating to the Police Commissioner on 21 November 2025.

The Commission was then notified of a separate complaint received by IPCA relating to the Police Commissioner on 16 December 2025. A copy of this complaint was then received directly by the Commission on 2 February 2026.

On 19 June 2026 the Commission provided advice to Ministers regarding the Police Commissioner continuing in the role while investigations are underway, following notification from the IPCA that Police was investigating part of the complaint subject to IPCA oversight.

Information being withheld - part three

There are documents covered by part three of your request that I have decided to withhold in full under the following sections of the OIA as applicable:

- section 9(2)(h) – to maintain legal professional privilege
- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people
- section 6(c) - to prejudice the maintenance of the law

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

Information does not exist – part four

The Commission does not hold any documents within scope of part four of your request, therefore I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 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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