



Public Service Commission

Te Kawa Mataaho

30 July 2026

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2026-0226

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by the Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho (the Commission) on 22 July 2026 for:

“Advice on the change, presented to Public Service Minister Paul Goldsmith by Public Service Commission officials, said it would be “likely to be perceived as de-prioritising te reo Māori and diminishing the Crown’s active protection and partnership obligations.”

‘Officials claimed it could cause “material harm to the Crown-Māori relationship.’

Please provide the complete advice provided to the Minister in respect of the changes referred to above.”

This type of risible nonsense shows just how far out of touch the Wellington “public service” bubble is with the rest of the country. Not to mention it’s evident lack of judgement.”

Information publicly available

The following information is covered by your request and is publicly available on the Commission’s website at the links provided for in the table below.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1	1 April 2026	MoSR 2026-0091 – REPORT – Instruction to change the branded name of the Commission	MoSR-2026-0091-REPORT-Instruction-to-change-the-branded-name-of-the-Commission.pdf
2	2 April 2026	MoSR 2026-0100 – REPORT – Instruction on the Commission’s Branding and the NZ Identity Guidelines	MoSR-2026-0100-REPORT-Instruction-to-change-PSC-and-NZ-Govt-branding.pdf

3	23 April 2026	MoSR 2026-0111 – REPORT – Implementing a refresh of the Public Service Commission and New Zealand Government Branding	MoSR-2026-0111-REPORT-Implementing-a-refresh-of-the-Public-Service-Commission-and-New-Zealand-Government-branding.pdf
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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.

Some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the OIA, on the grounds described in the documents.

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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