Public Service Commission
Te Kawa Mataaho

9 October 2026

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Official Information Act Request
Our Ref: OIA 2026-0308

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

1. A copy of the full & finalised agenda; and a schedule of any PSC presentation slides (and any PSC speech notes, if such digital copies exist) from the Official Information Forum meeting held 22 September 2026. Please note any deviations from the written agenda that occured.

2. As it pertains to PSC's role in administering the OIA, copies of any guidance, advice, practice notes, communications or directives issued or prepared for circulation to external agencies since 14 July 2026 concerning:

- *scoping or clarifying broad OIA requests;*
- *section 18(f), substantial collation or research;*
- *charging for OIA requests;*
- *frequent, prolific, repetitive, frivolous or vexatious requesters;*
- *verification of requester identity or eligibility, including digital identity;*
- *AI-generated or AI-assisted OIA requests;*
- *proactive release as a means of reducing OIA demand; or*
- *risk profiling, triaging or categorising OIA requests.*

3. Any substantive email correspondence since 14 July 2026 between the Commission and the Ministry of Justice concerning Tregaskis Brown's research into OIA costs or possible changes to agency OIA practice arising from that research. Please provide a schedule of any such meetings, and exclude routine administrative correspondence.

NB: I am specifically interested in operational or practice changes capable of being implemented under the existing OIA, rather than proposed legislative amendments.

Information does not exist – parts one and two

Regarding part one of your request, the Official Information Forum scheduled for 22 September 2026 was postponed due to one of the guest speaker's unavailability. No presentation slides or speech notes were prepared and the as the event was postponed, the agenda was not finalised.

Regarding part two of your request, the Commission has not issued, prepared, or circulated any guidance, advice, practice notes, communications, or directives to external agencies on any of the topics listed in your request since 14 July 2026. However, you may be interested to note that the Ombudsman recently issued guidance on official information and the use of AI: https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/news/ombudsmans-office-releases-new-guidance-official-information-and-use-ai.

I am therefore refusing parts one and two of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds the information requested does not exist.

Part three

The Commission sought to transfer part three of your request to the Ministry of Justice under section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA, as the information to which this part of your request relates is more closely connected with the functions of that agency.

However, we have confirmed with the Ministry of Justice that they also received your request and will be responding to you under an OIA response referenced 'OIA 136215'. In this instance, we did not see it necessary to formally transfer your request on that occasion. The Ministry of Justice will provide a response to part three of your request in due course.

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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