Public Service Commission
Te Kawa Mataaho

23 October 2026

9(2)(a) privacy

Dear 9(2)(a) privacy

Official Information Act Request
Our Ref: OIA 2026-0332

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by the Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho (the Commission) on 15 October 2026 where you asked:

> *"I request a copy of R19155667 under the Official Information Act 1982."*

Our response

On receipt of your request, we obtained the file from Archives New Zealand to determine whether it contains information.

Files transferred to Archives New Zealand containing personnel information are restricted for 70 years from the date of file closure for reasons of personal privacy. We are therefore not be able to provide permission to access this file without consent from the personnel listed in the files or their next of kin, if the individual is deceased.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of individuals, including that of deceased natural persons. In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

If you are able to obtain written consent from Mr Waiwai's next of kin, together with appropriate proof of identification and evidence confirming the next-of-kin relationship, we will be able to reconsider your request and progress access to the file. The Commission has retained a copy of your request and would be happy to reassess the matter should the necessary consent and supporting documentation be provided in the future.

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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