



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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## Official Information Request

Our Ref: PSCR 2025-0133

I refer to your official information request received on 10 February 2025 for:

*“Any correspondence, emails, text messages, phone notes, file notes, minutes of meetings or conferences, making reference to the Church of Scientology or related entities.”*

## Our response

In November 2018, Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) migrated to a new information management system. This system does not allow for easy identification of all “correspondence, emails, text messages, phone notes, file notes, minutes of meetings making reference to the Church of Scientology or related entities” since 2001 without having to manually review every document to determine whether it is within scope of your request.

However, we have performed a keyword search of our information management system using key words “Scientology”, “Scientologist” and “Church of Scientology” and have identified two documents within scope of your request.

## Information being released

Please find listed in the table below the two documents and the information that references the Church of Scientology.

Item	Date	Document Description
1	23 March 2004	Email communication between the Commission and a government agency about a survey request they had received. Information within the email that references the Church of Scientology is as follows:  <i>The survey is being carried out by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights NZ (which, after some internet searching, is a non-profit group set up by the Church of Scientology to “investigate psychiatric violations of human rights”).</i>

2	2 August 2021	Official Information Act request received by the Commission. Information within the OIA request that references the Church of Scientology is as follows: <i>"I request the number of respondents to the Public Service Census who identified as a Scientologist, broken down by agency"</i> .
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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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