



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

28 February 2025

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: PSCR 2025-0164

I refer to your official information request received on 17 February 2025 where you asked:

"I request under the Official Information Act:

Any advice, briefings, correspondence or other documents prepared by the Commission relating specifically to the process(es) for the recruitment, appointment, removal or replacement of appointed members of the Electricity Authority and/or the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority, between 1 November 2024 and 14 February.

I am not requesting general briefings about appointment/removal processes for Crown entities that are intended for a generic audience. I am not requesting names or identifying details of any individuals that may be referenced in any such documents and I am happy for these to be withheld".

Background information

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) is not responsible for the recruitment, appointment, removal or replacement of appointed members of Crown entity boards. Usually, the relevant monitoring department of a Crown entity provides advice and support during the appointment and induction process for board members.

Ministers are generally responsible for board appointments, either directly or through recommendations to the Governor-General, and the removal from office before the end of a board member's term is an option available to Ministers. Generally, the person with authority to appoint a board member also has the power to remove or suspend a person from office. Unless there are specific statutory or governance provisions to the contrary, each board member holds office at the pleasure of the person (a Minister or the Governor-General as the case may be) who appointed them.

Information about Board appointments and removal from office can be found on the Commission's website at the following link: <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/guidance/guidance-for-statutory-crown-entities/board-appointments-and-reappointment>.

Information not held

The Commission has not prepared any advice, briefings, correspondence or other documents, between 1 November 2024 and 14 February 2025, relating to the processes for the recruitment, appointment, removal or replacement of appointed members of the Electricity Authority and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the grounds the information 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 letter (with your personal details removed) on the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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