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Official Information Request Our Ref: PSCR 2025-0281

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

- Does your organisation offer any health insurance benefits to your staff, where the agency contributes financially?
- Can you summarise what you offer?
- Can you provide a percentage of staff which have taken up the offer broken out by year from 2014 to present.
- If there are factors which may have impacted rates e.g. a new offer, please provide context.

Information does not exist

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) does not offer any health insurance benefits to employees where the Commission contributes financially. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the grounds the information does not exist.

The Commission is a member of the Southern Cross work scheme, as part of the Central Agencies group. This entitles employees to reduced insurance premiums from Southern Cross for themselves and immediate family. However, the Commission does not make any direct payments to Southern Cross on behalf of employees and employees pay their own insurance premiums. The Commission does not hold the percentage of staff who have taken the entitlement.

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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