



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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## Official Information Request

**Our Ref: PSCR 2025-0354**

I refer to your official information request received on 28 March 2025:

*"I'd like to know whether you are aware of any ministers that currently or historically have used operational email aliases.*

*It's apparently common practice in the United States for the sitting Attorney General to use an alias when conducting government business, to guard against security risks and so I'm curious to know if any of our ministerial roles use the same trick.*

*As an example; AG Merrick Garland used [abraham.rose@usdoj.gov](mailto:abraham.rose@usdoj.gov) as his email address during his tenure while AG Loretta Lynch had used [elizabeth.carlisle@usdoj.gov](mailto:elizabeth.carlisle@usdoj.gov) during her tenure. With that, I'm interested in a list of ministerial roles (if any) that use operational email aliases. If there are any roles, I would also like to know the various aliases used by previous holders of those roles. I don't expect to know aliases for current holders but I would like confirmation if one is actively being used in some capacity".*

## Information does not exist

The Commission does not hold any information relating to Minister's using operational email aliases. Therefore, we are refusing your request in full under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the grounds the information requested does not exist.

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) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

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