



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Official Information Request Our Ref: PSCR 2025-0383

I refer to your official information request received on 4 April 2025 for:

“The terms of reference of the taskforce recently set up to review Lester Levy’s implementation plan”.

Establishment of the Health Assurance Unit

On 29 January 2025 the Minister of Health instructed the Public Service Commissioner to establish a Unit within Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) to support the Minister of Health’s focus on driving the delivery of the Government’s key priorities for Health NZ.

The Unit is also providing independent assurance to ensure the programme of work being progressed by Health NZ to deliver the health targets and priorities is supported by clear and effective plans and accountability arrangements.

The Unit is on a time limited basis to support the development of advice to enable the Minister of Health to drive accountability and performance in Health New Zealand. The Unit’s initial work will be finalised around early to mid-March 2025. The ongoing role and composition of the Unit beyond this period is still being worked through, however the work of the unit is expected to be completed by May 2025.

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents outlining the role of the Unit.

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	Attachment	Health Sprint Team	Released in part
2	29 January 2025	Letter from Hon Simeon Brown to Lester Levy	Released in full
3	29 January 2025	Letter from Hon Simeon Brown to Diana Sarfati	Released in full

I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under the section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) in order to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

Information publicly available

The following information is also covered by your request and is publicly available on the Commission's website at the link provided in the table below.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website
4	7 March 2025	Cabinet Paper – Health Delivery Plan	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Health-delivery-plan.pdf

Accordingly, I have refused this part of your request for the document listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the OIA on the grounds the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

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

Yours sincerely



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