



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

7 May 2025

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## Official Information Request Our Ref: PSCR 2025-0392

I refer to your official information request received on 7 April 2025 for:

*“Despite its proactive release, I am requesting under the Official Information Act, an unredacted copy of your January Briefing to the Incoming Minister.”*

### Information publicly available

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) has reviewed the information withheld in the publicly available version of the January 2025 Briefing to the Incoming Minister for the Public Service.

Listed in the table below is the pages and paragraph headings of information that is currently withheld in the version of the BIM that is publicly available and our decision to release the information in response to your request.

Page number and paragraph heading	Decision
Page 4	Continue to withhold
Page 9 – Legislative changes	Release
Page 9 – Investigations - FENZ Inquiry	Release
Page 10 – Employment Relations	Continue to withhold
Page 10 – Machinery of government changes – 1 <sup>st</sup> paragraph	Continue to withhold
Page 10 – Machinery of government changes - Royal Commission of Inquiry	Release
Page 10 – Machinery of government changes – 3 <sup>rd</sup> paragraph	Continue to withhold
Page 10 – Machinery of government changes - School property functions	Continue to withhold
Page 10 – Change the name of Te Arawhiti	Release
Page 11 – Performance Pay	Continue to withhold

I have decided to release the document requested with some information continuing to be withheld under 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. In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

The updated version of the BIM is publicly available on the Commission's website at the link provided for in the table below.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1	January 2025	Briefing to the Incoming Minister for the Public Service	<a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Briefing-to-the-Incoming-Minister-for-the-Public-Service-January-2025.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Briefing-to-the-Incoming-Minister-for-the-Public-Service-January-2025.pdf</a>

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 Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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