



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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## Official Information Request

Our Ref: PSCR 2025-0461

I refer to your official information request received on 30 April 2025 for:

- Any aides-mémoires, briefings, memos, notes, reports, or any other advice given to either Minister Willis or Collins regarding the Plain Language Act repeal.
- Any internal communication (Teams messages, emails, and more) of PSC staff regarding the impact of the PLA's repeal on disabled people.

## Information publicly available

The following information is covered by your request and is publicly available on Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's (the Commission's) website at the links provided for in the table below.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website address
1	5 February 2024	2024-0023 – REPORT – Legislative bid for repealing the Plain Language Act 2022	<a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/2024-0023-REPORT-Legislative-bid-for-repealing-the-Plain-Language-Act-2022.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/2024-0023-REPORT-Legislative-bid-for-repealing-the-Plain-Language-Act-2022.pdf</a>
2	22 July 2024	2024-0169 – REPORT – Repealing the Plain Language Act 2022	<a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/2024-0169-REPORT-Draft-Cabinet-paper-for-repealing-the-Plain-Language-Act-2022.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/2024-0169-REPORT-Draft-Cabinet-paper-for-repealing-the-Plain-Language-Act-2022.pdf</a>
3	30 October 2024	MoSR 2024-0208 – AIDE MEMOIRE – Draft Cabinet paper for consultation – Repealing the Plain Language Act 2022	<a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/MoSR-2024-0208-AIDE-MEMOIRE-Draft-Cabinet-paper-for-consultation-Repealing-the-Plain-Language-Act-2022.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/MoSR-2024-0208-AIDE-MEMOIRE-Draft-Cabinet-paper-for-consultation-Repealing-the-Plain-Language-Act-2022.pdf</a>
4	21 November 2024	2024-0287 – AIDE MEMOIRE – CBC Consideration of repealing the Plain Language Act 2022	<a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/2024-0287-AIDE-MEMOIRE-CBC-consideration-of-repealing-the-Plain-Language-Act-2022.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/2024-0287-AIDE-MEMOIRE-CBC-consideration-of-repealing-the-Plain-Language-Act-2022.pdf</a>

5	11 December 2024	MoSR 2024-0327 – REPORT - 2025 Legislative Programme – Public Service	<a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/2024-0327-REPORT-2025-Legislative-Programme-Public-Service-portfolio.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/2024-0327-REPORT-2025-Legislative-Programme-Public-Service-portfolio.pdf</a>
6	18 February 2025	MoSR 2025-0132 – AIDE MEMOIRE – Draft LEG paper for consultation – Plain Language Act Repeal Bill	<a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/2025-0132-Aide-Memoire-Draft-paper-for-consultation-Plain-Language-Act-Repeal-Bill.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/2025-0132-Aide-Memoire-Draft-paper-for-consultation-Plain-Language-Act-Repeal-Bill.pdf</a>
7	5 March 2025	MoSR 2025-0179 – AIDE MEMOIRE – Plain Language Act Repeal Bill – Cabinet discussion	<a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/MoSR-2025-0179-AIDE-MEMOIRE-Plain-Language-Act-Repeal-Bill-Cabinet-discussion.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/MoSR-2025-0179-AIDE-MEMOIRE-Plain-Language-Act-Repeal-Bill-Cabinet-discussion.pdf</a>
8	13 March 2025	Cabinet Paper - Plain Language Act Repeal Bill: Approval for Introduction	<a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Plain-Language-Act-Repeal-Bill-Approval-for-Introduction.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Plain-Language-Act-Repeal-Bill-Approval-for-Introduction.pdf</a>

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the grounds the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the OIA, on the grounds described in the documents.

### Information does not exist

There have been no internal communications between Commission employees regarding “the impact of the PLA’s repeal on disabled people”.

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA 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](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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