



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

16 June 2025

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Official Information Request Our Ref: PSCR 2025-0539

I refer to your official information request received on 19 May 2025 for:

"I'm getting in touch to please request, under the Official Information Act, the agency's total redundancy spend from November 1, 2023 to today - 19 May 2025, by month, in a table.

Please also provide monthly numbers around confirmed job cuts at the agency from the same timeframe, and also, the total cost savings the restructures have realised - including in reducing staff and other matters.

Please also confirm any future cost saving initiatives that are planned, including restructures, and what the timeframe[s] of those are - including around your Budget 2025 savings targets".

Information publicly available

In June 2024 Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's (the Commission's) Fiscal Sustainability Programme disestablished 25 positions and established 12 positions. In addition, the Pay Equity reset disestablished a further six positions and established one.

The total redundancy spend and total cost savings is contained within the following documents which are publicly available on the Commission's website at the links provided for in the table below.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1	26 September 2024	2024-0282 – REPORT – Outcome of the Fiscal Sustainability Programme	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/2024-0282-REPORT-Outcome-of-the-Fiscal-Sustainability-Programme.pdf
2	1 November 2024	Public Service Commission Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/news/introducing-our-2024-annual-report

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 to be withheld

One further position was disestablished in May 2025.

I am withholding the redundancy spend for this disestablished role under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people. In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

Information does not exist

There were no Budget 2025 savings targets for the Commission, therefore there are no future cost saving initiatives planned. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds that the information does not exist.

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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