



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

27 May 2025

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## Official Information Request Our Ref: PSCR 2025-0544

I refer to your official information request received on 20 May 2025 where you asked:

*“Under the Official Information Act 1982, I request the following information related to the development of the Cabinet paper for the Plain Language Act Repeal Bill: All records, analysis, or discussion relating to whether Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People should be consulted – and any reasoning for either including or excluding Whaikaha from the consultation process. This includes (but is not limited to) emails, documents, Microsoft Teams messages, meeting notes, and any other physical or electronic records, including recollections held by relevant staff, including communications sent between the Minister for the Public Service’s office and the Public Service Commission.”*

### Information does not exist

The Commission holds no information relating to whether Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled Peoples should be consulted on the repeal of the Plain Language Act 2022 (the Act).

The agencies consulted on the *Repealing the Plain Language Act 2022* Cabinet paper were those whose Ministers were represented on the Cabinet Business Committee that considered the Cabinet paper.

There was no intent to include or exclude any particular agency, noting that all agencies are subject to the Act and therefore affected by its repeal.

I am therefore refusing your request in full under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 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 Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Dirks', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nicky Dirks

**Manager – Ministerial and Executive Services**  
**Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission**