



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

24 June 2025

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: PSCR 2025-0610

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

“requesting copies of all relevant emails, internal communications, messages & reports between mark mitchell (office) & PSC relating to last year's (entire) Police Commissioner recruitment & selection process”.

Information publicly available

Listed in the table below are the appointment papers related to the 2024 Police Commissioner appointment which are publicly available on Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's (the Commission's) website at the links also provided in the table.

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	6 September 2024	2024-0268 – Report – Progressing the Police Commissioner appointment	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Appointment-New-Zealand-Police-Commissioner.pdf
2	12 September 2024	2024-0272 – Aide Memoire – Vacancy Paper for Police Commissioner	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Appointment-New-Zealand-Police-Commissioner.pdf
3	11 November 2024	2024-0244 – Report – Police Commissioner appointment Advice on nomination	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Appointment-New-Zealand-Police-Commissioner.pdf
4	12 November 2024	2024-0266 – Report – Commissioner of Police Appointment papers for lodging	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Appointment-New-Zealand-Police-Commissioner.pdf

			Police-Commissioner.pdf
5		CABINET PAPER - Vacancy – Commissioner of Police, NZ Police APH Minute – APH-24-SUB-0209	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Appointment-New-Zealand-Police-Commissioner.pdf
6		CABINET PAPER – Appointment – Commissioner of Police, NZ Police Position Description and Summarised CV CAB Minute - CAB-24-MIN-0452 Warrant	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Appointment-New-Zealand-Police-Commissioner.pdf

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the OIA – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available. Some information will continue to be withheld as outlined in the documents.

Information being withheld

There are additional documents covered by your request relating to the recruitment process for the appointment of Police Commissioner that I have decided to withhold in full under one or more of the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
- section 9(2)(b)(a)(ii) – to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest
- section 9(2)(h) – to maintain legal professional privilege

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

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 Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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