



4 October 2018

Ms Lucy Bennett
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Dear Ms Bennett

Official Information Request

Our Ref: 2018/0164

I refer to your official information request received on 25 September 2018 for.

"a copy of the Crown Law review of the recruitment process [for] the chief technology officer role, mentioned in an aide-memoire to Minister Hipkins regarding advice from SSC on September 12, 2018".

The Crown Law opinion on this matter is subject to legal professional privilege. However, under 16(1)(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) a summary of the information requested can be provided. A summary of the Crown Law opinion was prepared by SSC and is publicly available on the Beehive website at the location and under the title described below.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1	24 September 2018	SSC Memorandum – 24 September 2018 – Report on the Process for the Appointment of the Chief Technology Officer	https://www.beehive.govt.nz/feature/proactive-release-documents-relating-chief-technology-officer-position

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 publicly available. As noted in that document, legal professional privilege is not waived in respect to the other information contained in the Crown Law opinion.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@ssc.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 State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely


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Chief Legal Officer
State Services Commission