



5 February 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Request  
SSCOIA 2020-0010**

I refer to your official information request received by the State Services Commission (SSC) on 23 January 2020 where you have asked the following three questions regarding the Chief Executive, Department of Corrections:

- *Who is the current chief executive?*
- *Is that individual permanent or is the recruitment process still underway?*
- *Has Christine Stevenson applied for the Chief Executive position permanently?*

In response to your request, Mr Jeremy Lightfoot is the current Acting Chief Executive, Department of Corrections. While recruitment for a substantive chief executive is undertaken, if the recruitment is not finalised before the existing chief executive leaves the role, an acting chief executive is put in place.

The recruitment process to appoint the chief executive is currently underway. Documents relating to the appointment of the Chief Executive, Department of Corrections will be proactively released on the SSC website once the State Services Commissioner announces a permanent appointment.

Information about who has applied for chief executive roles is private information. We are therefore withholding the names of the individuals who have applied for this role under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural person.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz](mailto: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](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 State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Dirks'.

Nicky Dirks  
**Managing Principal – Ministerial Services  
State Services Commission**