



**Te Kawa Mataaho**  
Public Service Commission

15 September 2021

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Dear 9(2)(a)

**Official Information Request**  
**Our Ref: 2021-0119**

I refer to your official information request received on 29 August 2021 for:

- 1) *Outline the activities undertaken so far this year in seeking a new Chief Executive for Oranga Tamariki.*
- 2) *Provide the number of candidates considered so far, along with*
  - a) *a demographic breakdown,*
  - b) *a summary of the reasons appointments have not been made (e.g. the number who applied who did not have appropriate experience, the number who have been made an offer and turned it down), and*
  - c) *the phase of the recruitment process that candidates reached (e.g. number shortlisted, number interviewed).*
- 3) *If any candidates did reach either negotiation or offer, either (appropriately anonymised) please provide documents outlining why an appointment was not made, or provide a summary of the recollection of the people involved of why the appointment was not made (if no written record has been made to date or if the written record does not capture the full explanation).*
- 4) *All documents which support an understanding of the process undertaken to date. Including, for examples, briefs provided to executive search firms, descriptions of the role and key criteria provided to candidates.*

**Our Response**

In January 2021, the Public Service Commissioner appointed Sir Wira Gardiner as Acting Chief Executive for Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children. The vacancy for the position of Secretary for Children and Chief Executive Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children is currently advertised with applications closing on the 19 September 2021.

### Information publicly available

The information listed in the table below is covered by your request and is publicly available on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission website at the link provided for in the table.

Item	Document Description	Website Address
1	Position Description	<a href="#">Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission</a>

Accordingly, we have refused your request for the documents under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the grounds the information requested is publicly available.

We are also refusing parts two, three and four of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds the information does not exist. Please note once an appointment is made, the appointment related information will be proactively released on the Commission's website at [Appointments | Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#).

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

Yours sincerely



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