



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

1 October 2021

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Dear 9(2)(a) privacy

Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2021-0135

I refer to your official information request received on 23 September 2021 where you asked:

“Dr Broomfield - Is this man a medical doctor or is he a "Call me doctor" with a degree in sociology or some such? If he is qualified as a medical doctor for how long did he practice before becoming a bureaucrat climbing the greasy pole in the Health Department?”

Information publicly available

The Public Service Commissioner is responsible for appointing Public Service chief executives. On 22 May 2018, it was announced that Dr Ashley Bloomfield had been appointed to the role of Director-General of Health and Chief Executive, Ministry of Health.

Documents related to this appointment, which include Dr Bloomfield’s academic qualifications and employment history, are publicly available on Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission’s website at the link outlined in the table below. We have provided links to both the Chief Executive Appointments page on our website, as well as the documents that specifically relate to the Appointment of Director-General of Health and Chief Executive, Ministry of Health.

We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982, on the grounds that the information requested is publicly available.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1		Chief Executive Appointment	Appointments Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission
2	9 May 2018	Appointment: Director-General of Health and Chief Executive, Ministry of Health	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/SS-C-Site-Assets/Proactive-Releases/Appointment-of-Director-General-of-Health-and-Chief-Executive-Ministry-of-Health.PDF

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact 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 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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