



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

29 July 2021

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Dear 9(2)(a) privacy

## Official Information Request

**Our Ref: 2021-0085**

I refer to your official information request received on 3 July 2021 where you asked for:

- *Copies of any communications you have sent to suppliers or contractors asking whether they meet the definition of a Māori business;*
- *Copies of any communications you have sent to suppliers or contractors advising them of the requirements of the Progressive Procurement Policy;*
- *The number/value of contracts your agency has signed with Māori businesses since the Progressive Procurement Policy came into force;*
- *The number/value of contracts your agency has terminated because a supplier or contractor didn't meet the definition of a Māori business since the Progressive Procurement Policy came into force.*

The Progressive Procurement Policy was agreed by Cabinet in November 2020 to support whānau Māori enterprise and to increase opportunities for procurement.

### Information being refused

The [Progressive Procurement policy](#) aims to increase the diversity of suppliers engaging with government procurement opportunities, starting with Māori businesses.

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) is in the process of finalising letters to be sent to suppliers and contractors that provides information about the Progressive Procurement Policy and seeks information from the suppliers and contractors to confirm if they identify as a Māori business based on the definition provided for this policy.

Therefore, I am also refusing the first three parts of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds that the requested information does not exist.

In response to the last part of your request, the progressive procurement policy does not involve terminating existing contracts with suppliers and the Commission has not, and will not, terminate any contract with a supplier or contractor as a result of the Progressive Procurement Policy.

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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