

10 October 2019



Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Request
Our Ref: SSCOIA 2019-0232

I refer to your official information request received on 11 September 2019 for:

"all documents relating to the application of Wally Haumaha to be Deputy Police Commissioner, including any external letters of reference or support"

On 11 September, we provided you with a link to publicly available information regarding Mr Wally Haumaha, Deputy Police Commissioner appointment.

On 16 September, you further clarified that your request is for:

"the actual references that are noted in the Cabinet paper"

As background to your request, on 23 July 2018, Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon Tracey Martin announced the Government Inquiry into the Appointment Process for a Deputy Commissioner of Police. The Inquiry's purpose was to examine, identify, and report on the adequacy of the process that led to the appointment of a Deputy Commissioner of Police. In the conduct of that inquiry, SSC was required to provide the information that you have requested to the inquiry.

When the inquiry was concluded, the findings were reported publicly at: [Final report of the Government Inquiry into the Appointment Process for a Deputy Commissioner of Police](#) and on 2 November 2018 the Inquiry made an order that suppressed some of the information that the Inquiry had acquired. This suppression order was also made available on DIA website [Minute No. 5](#)

The information you have requested falls within the scope of the information suppressed by the Inquiry which prevents SSC from providing this information to you.

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

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

Nicky Dirks
Managing Principal – Ministerial Services
State Services Commission