



1 May 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Request**  
**Our Ref: SSCOIA 2020-0034**

I refer to your official information request received on 21 April 2020 where you asked:

*“On 15 April the Prime Minister announced state sector CEOs were to take a 20 percent pay cut for six months. Here is a report of the announcement:*

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/121027864/ministers-to-take-20-per-cent-pay-cut>

*I would be grateful to be advised what work State services has undertaken to give effect to this decision.”*

**Information being released**

In response to your request, the State Services Commission is implementing the voluntary pay cut with Public Service chief executives. This involves putting temporary variations to employment agreements in place.

**Information publicly available**

On 28 April 2020 the State Services Commissioner wrote to Public Service chief executives setting out principles and guidance on pay restraint in Public Service. Crown Entity chief executives have also been asked to take the same approach. These letters are publicly available and can be found on the State Services Commissions website.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1	April 2020	Payment restraint in the public sector	<a href="https://ssc.govt.nz/our-work/er/">https://ssc.govt.nz/our-work/er/</a>

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

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**State Services Commission**