



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

7 October 2020

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## Official Information Act Request

**Our ref: OIA 2020-0071**

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 27 August 2020 where you asked:

1. *What's the Commission's role in the formation of the All of Govt Covid agency and are you having any input/oversight of the developing and streamlining the structure and reviewing or inputting to their ICT and risk management?*
2. *What is the role of NZ's Chief Information Officers in the Covid ICT development?*
3. *How many short-term consultants are currently involved and what are their roles and job descriptions?*
4. *Please provide a copy of the All of Govt Covid agency's risk management framework and risk management plan (are there separate plans for the border and the accommodation units?)*
5. *What are the communication, quality control and assurance frameworks/plans and is the Commission involved in any of those processes.*

On 28 September 2020, we advised you that the parts of your request had been transferred to the agencies as outlined in the table below:

Question Details	Agency Transferred To
<b>Question 2:</b> What is the role of NZ's Chief Information Officers in the Covid ICT development?	Department of Internal Affairs
<b>Question 3:</b> How many short-term consultants are currently involved and what are their roles and job descriptions	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
<b>Question 4:</b> Please provide a copy of the All of Govt Covid agency's risk management framework and risk management plan (are there separate plans for the border and the accommodation units?)	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
<b>Question 5:</b> What are the communication, quality control and assurance frameworks/plans and is the Commission involved in any of those processes.”	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

We also advised you that the remaining parts of the request listed below, will remain with Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission for our response:

- *whether the Commission was involved in the formation of the All of Govt Covid agency and are you having any input/oversight of the developing and streamlining the structure and reviewing or inputting to their ICT and risk management? And*
- *whether the Commission was involved in the framework designed by All of Government Response Group*

### **Information being released**

The formation of the COVID 19 All of Government (AoG) response function began as a stand-alone emergency response to the pandemic, under the auspices of the Officials' Committee for Domestic and External Security Coordination. The function more recently has evolved and transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) and is being managed in accordance with the requirements of that department.

The Public Service Commissioner has maintained close contact with the Secretary of DPMC and provided informal advice to him as the AoG function has evolved in this way to meet new and emerging conditions around the complex management of the pandemic.

The Commissioner has not been involved in designing the AoG framework for communications, quality control and assurance, or ICT and risk management, nor would he be involved in designing any of these functions in any agency apart from ensuring the agency had appropriate approaches in place.

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 Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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