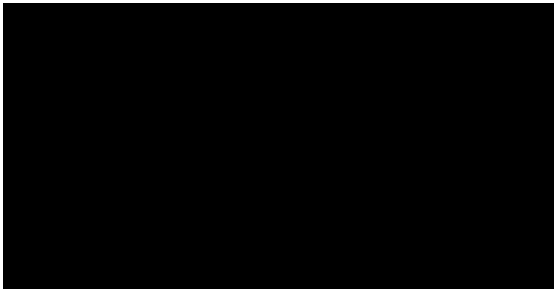


8 March 2024



Official Information Act #23.183 - Response

1. We refer to your request received on 9 February 2024 for:
 - 1.1 Any correspondence received by you between 1 December 2023 and today from your agency's responsible minister, the Minister of Finance, Treasury, or any other Minister or Agency regarding the fiscal sustainability programme, including any savings required by your agency.
 - 1.2 Any letters of expectation or guidance from Te Kawa Mataaho received by you between 1 December 2023 and today regarding change management or employment relations.
2. We have treated this as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Our response

3. We have decided to grant your request, in part.
 - 3.1 The Commerce Commission (the Commission) has identified nine documents that fall within the scope of your request at [1.1]. These documents are listed in **Appendix A** below.
 - 3.2 The Commission has identified four documents that fall within the scope of your request at [1.2]. These documents are listed in **Appendix B** below.

Documents for release

4. We are releasing two documents to you which fall within the scope of your request at [1.2]:

- 4.1 the **attached** Key principles of managing change – fiscal sustainability programme 2024 document from Te Kawa Mataaho and
 - 4.2 the **attached** letter from Te Kawa Mataaho to the Commission, dated 8 January 2024 (with redactions).
5. We consider good reasons exist to withhold certain information in the 8 January 2024 letter from Te Kawa Mataaho to the Commission under:
- 5.1 section 9(2)(a) as withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
 - 5.2 section 9(2)(f)(iv) as the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

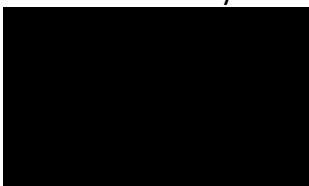
Documents we are withholding in full

6. We are withholding in full eleven documents relevant to your request under section 9(2)(f)(iv) as the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. These documents are listed in Appendices A and B.
7. We consider that good reasons exist for withholding information under section 9 and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available (section 9(1) of the OIA).

Further information

8. If you are not satisfied with the Commission's response to your OIA request, section 28(3) of the OIA provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.
9. Please note the Commission will be publishing this response to your request on its website. Your personal details will be redacted from the published response.
10. Please do not hesitate to contact us at uia@comcom.govt.nz if you have any questions about this response.

Yours sincerely



OIA and Information Coordinator

Appendix A		
Date	Document	Redactions
Undated	Letter from the Minister of Finance to the Chair of the Commerce Commission	Withheld in full under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.
18 January 2024 to 25 January 2024	Emails between the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Commerce Commission	Withheld in full under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.
18 January 2024 to 23 January 2024	Emails between the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Commerce Commission	Withheld in full under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.
19 January 2024 to 20 February 2024	Emails between the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Commerce Commission	Withheld in full under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.
29 January 2024 to 30 January 2024	Emails between the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Commerce Commission	Withheld in full under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.
9 February 2024 to 13 February 2024	Emails between the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Commerce Commission	Withheld in full under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.
9 February 2024 to 14 February 2024	Emails between the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Commerce Commission	Withheld in full under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.
22 February 2024	Emails between the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Commerce Commission	Withheld in full under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.
22 February 2024 (not a duplicate of the chain above)	Emails between the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Commerce Commission	Withheld in full under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.

Appendix B		
Date	Document	Redactions
21 December 2023	Letter from Te Kawa Mataaho to the Commerce Commission	Withheld in full under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.
8 January 2024	Cover Letter from Te Kawa Mataaho to the Commerce Commission	This document has been released to you with redactions made under s 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.
Undated	Attachment to 8 January 2024 letter - Draft 2024 Government Workforce Policy Statement	Withheld in full under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.
January 2024	Key principles of managing change – fiscal sustainability programme 2024	No redactions. This document has been released to you.