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Official Information Request
Our Ref: 2024-0016

I refer to your official information request received on 16 February 2024 for:

“Under the Official Information Act 1982, I request the following:

1. *A copy of the report: 2023-0291 Achieving Fiscal Savings and Reducing Spend on Contractors and Consultants given to the Minister of Public Service on 27 November 2023.*
2. *A copy of the report: 2023-0306 Public Service Workforce Data – September Quarterly Update given to the Minister of Public Service on 11 December 2023.*
3. *A list of all reports given to the Minister of Public Service since 27 November 2024.”*

Information being withheld

I have withheld the two documents you have requested in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

Information publicly available

Titles of advice that Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) has sent to the Minister for the Public Service is proactively released each month on the Commission’s website at the links provided for in the table below. Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Item	Document Description	Website Address
1	November 2023 – Titles of Advice to the Minister for the Public Service	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/November-2023-Titles-of-Advice-to-the-Minister-for-the-Public-Service.pdf
2	December 2023 – Titles of Advice to the Minister for the Public Service	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/December-2023-Titles-of-Advice-to-the-Minister-for-the-Public-Service.pdf

3	January 2024 - Titles of Advice to the Minister for the Public Service	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/January-2024-Titles-of-Advice-to-the-Minister-for-the-Public-Service.pdf
4	February 2024 - Titles of Advice to the Minister for the Public Service	Will be publicly available soon

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact 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 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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