



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

2 April 2024

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## Official Information Request

**Our Ref: OIA 2024-0037**

I refer to your official information request received on 4 March 2024 where you have asked for:

*“Please listen to Hugo Vitalis’ comments from timestamp 3:50 in [this recording dated 5 December 2023](#) (received via the email below) and confirm whether or not [Nicola Willis, Minister for the Public Service](#) has:*

*(i) been briefed about [New Zealand’s \(optional\) 2013+ involvement in the \(international\) Open Government Partnership initiative?](#)*

*and*

*(ii) been briefed about the timeline, if any, for the public consultation period for New Zealand’s Fifth National Action Plan (from 2025)?”*

## Information being withheld

Please find listed in the table below, two reports Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission has provided to Hon Nicola Willis, Minister for the Public Service that relate to the Open Government Partnership including the Fifth National Action Plan.

I have decided to refuse these documents in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) in order to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	20 December 2023	2023-0321 – Title withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)	Withheld in full
2	15 February 2024	2024-0040 – Title withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)	Withheld in full

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.

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).

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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**Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission**