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Wellingtonian
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Dear Wellingtonian

Official Information Request Reference MOIA 2024-0266

I refer to your official information request dated 23 September 2024 for

"I am writing to request a complete list of businesses based in Wellington that have been lobbying the Government to discourage or prevent public servants from working from home. Specifically, I would like to know:

- 1. The names of these businesses.*
- 2. The types of businesses they operate.*
- 3. Any communication or correspondence they have had with the Government regarding this matter.*
- 4. The reasons or rationale they have provided for opposing remote work for public servants.*
- 5. Any scientific evidence or research supporting Nicola Willis' public statement made today, 23 September 2024, on this matter."*

Information publicly available

Listed in the table below is advice I have received from Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) which is publicly available on the Commission's website at the link provided in the table below.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1	21 August 2024	REPORT - Hybrid working in the New Zealand Public Service	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Report-Hybrid-Working-in-the-New-Zealand-Public-Service.pdf
2	17 September 2024	REPORT – Hybrid Working – Next Steps	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Report-Hybrid-Working-Next-Steps.pdf

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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. Some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the OIA, on the grounds described in the documents.

Information does not exist

I do not hold a list of businesses that have contacted me on this matter. However, I have regular free and frank conversations with members of the public. I do not hold records of the dates of these conversations.

I am therefore refusing your request in full under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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.

Yours sincerely



Hon Nicola Willis
Minister for the Public Service