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Dear Miss Forest

## Official Information Request Reference: MoSR 2024-0212

I refer to your official information request that was transferred from the Rt Hon Chris Luxon for my reply on 27 October 2024 for:

*"Please provide the CV and other supporting material that was used in the consideration and the final decision to recommend the appointment of Brian Roche as the Public Service Commissioner. For the clarity this would also include the letter of recommendation itself and the letter of support by the required two statutory Deputy Public Service commissioners.*

### Information publicly available

Advice regarding the Appointment of the Public Service Commissioner is publicly available on the Commission's website at the link provided in the table.

Item	Document Description	Website Address
1	Public Service Commissioner Appointment Papers	<a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/Director_yFile/Appointment-Public-Service-Commissioner.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/Director_yFile/Appointment-Public-Service-Commissioner.pdf</a>

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA on the grounds the information is or soon will 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

There is no requirement for the two statutory Deputy Public Service Commissioners to provide letters of support and therefore no letters exist. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) on the grounds the information requested does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Misty Mossman at [misty.mossman@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:misty.mossman@parliament.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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Willis', written in a cursive style.

Hon Nicola Willis  
**Minister for the Public Service**