



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Dear Kate

## **Official Information Act Request** **Our Refs: OIA 2026-0032 and OIA 2026-0055**

I refer to your two requests made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Your first request, OIA 2026-0032, was received on 23 February 2026:

*“Point 11 in the Executive Summary of the Cabinet Paper “Planning and infrastructure arrangements” produced by Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission / RMA Reform, 30 January 2026 states:*

*“This reform is ambitious but necessary. It reflects lessons from past structural changes and international best practice. MCRE will be smaller and more focused than previous “mega-ministries,” with clear delegations and accountability. It represents a strategic shift toward a more agile, integrated, and future-ready Public Service.”*

*Please provide details of the “international best practice” cases explored, with an indication how they have informed the proposed new ministry.*

*Please note this request will also be made to the RMA Reform body. Best practice examples need only be relevant to the Public Service Commission.”*

The Public Service Commission (the Commission) then received your second request, OIA 2026-0055, which was transferred to the Commission for response from the office of the Hon Chris Bishop on 11 March 2026. This request was substantively the same as the request received by the Commission on 23 February 2026, except that it specified that “...*this request will also be made to the Public Service Commission. Best practice examples need only be relevant to RMA [i.e., Resource Management Act 1991] Reform.*”

This letter responds to both of your requests.

## Information publicly available

The information you have requested is publicly available on the Commission's website at the link provided in the table below.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1	16 May 2025	<b>REPORT</b> – MoSR 2025-0350 – Planning and infrastructure arrangements (released with a previous OIA response)	<a href="#">OIA-2025-0213-Information-request-regarding-the-Ministry-for-Cities.pdf</a> Relevant text at paras 19-21 at page 6 of PDF, titled 'Some international jurisdictions consolidate relevant functions' and Annex 1: International comparisons at page 10-11.

There are also several related reports included within the above OIA response that may be of interest to you.

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the OIA on the grounds the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:Enquiries@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](http://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 Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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