



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Harris Leigh

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Dear Harris

Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2023-0218

I refer to your official information request received on 15 September 2023 where you asked:

“On 3 September 2023, National Party housing spokesperson, Chris Bishop MP was reported as saying “Hope so” when asked if there will be job losses at Kainga Ora following the formation of a National-led Government after this year's elections.

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.stuff.co.nz%2Fnational%2Fpolitics%2F132860241%2Fnationals-chris-bishop-promises-change-around-kinga-ora&data=05%7C01%7Ccommission%40publicservice.govt.nz%7C3954bd663b0143a6a32a08dbb5a518a8%7C41e14a91587d4fbf8dead6aea7148019%7C0%7C0%7C638303492920435440%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DvSYelVbB1osNjvBEfyFbHgQKo83pQEzUK9RYiTp r3Q%3D&reserved=0>

Under the OIA I seek copies of any information held by the PSC relating to these comments.

Without limitation of the above I specifically seek information about any advice you have provided to Kainga Ora or HUD relating to how they should prepare for redundancies in the case of a potential change of government in a manner that is consistent with good faith requirements of the Employment Relations Act and/or how to avoid concerns about predetermination based on Mr Bishop's comments.”

Our response

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) does not hold any information in relation to the comments made by Mr Chris Bishop on 3 September 2023 in the Stuff media article link you provided in your request.

The Commission also has not provided any information or advice to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities or the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development relating to preparing for redundancies in the event of a potential change of government.

Accordingly, I have refused your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), on the grounds that the information requested does not exist.

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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