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Dear Sam

Official Information Request Reference MOIA 2024-0278

I refer to your official information request dated 24 September 2024 for:

- Can you please provide all advise, correspondence, briefings that you received re asking departments to get the public servants back into the office.*
- Did the minister consulted or got any advice from the public servants or departments if they support that move.*
- Did the minister consult or have had any advice/briefing/correspondence that reflected increased employee productivity and mental health of the employees that may get affected.*
- How will this impact the cost of employee accommodation of departments. Did you get any advise on this?*

Information does not exist

I am refusing parts two, three and four of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds that the document alleged to contain the information requested, at the time of your request, does not exist.

Information publicly available

The following information is also covered by your request and is publicly available on Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service 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/publications
2	17 September 2024	REPORT – Hybrid Working – Next Steps	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/publications

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the 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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Misty Mossman at 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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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

Hon Nicola Willis
Minister for the Public Service