



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Dear Joyce

## Official Information Request

**Our Ref: OIA 2024-0301**

I refer to your official information request received on 4 October 2024 where you have asked:

*“Please provide copies of advice given to MoE, Minister for education, treasury and DPMC relating to machinery of government options for department of school building*

*Including advice relating to functional CE and departmental agency.”*

## Information publicly available

Please find outlined in the below table advice provided to the Minister for Education and the Minister for the Public Service relating to the machinery of government options for department of school building, which is publicly available on the Commission’s website at the links provided for in the table.

| Item | Date           | Document Description  | Link  |
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| 1    | 22 July 2024   | 2024-0210 - Report of the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property                                    | <a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Aid-e-Memoire-Report-of-the-Ministerial-Inquiry-into-School-Property.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Aid-e-Memoire-Report-of-the-Ministerial-Inquiry-into-School-Property.pdf</a>   |
| 2    | 5 August 2024  | 2024-0232 - Draft Cabinet paper Report of the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property                | <a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Report-Draft-Cabinet-paper-Report-of-the-Ministerial-Inquiry-into-School-Property-1.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Report-Draft-Cabinet-paper-Report-of-the-Ministerial-Inquiry-into-School-Property-1.pdf</a>   |
| 3    | 12 August 2024 | 2024-0244 - Ministerial consultation on draft Cabinet paper responding to the school property inquiry | <a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Aid-e-Memoire-Ministerial-consultation-on-draft-Cabinet-paper-responding-to-the-school-property-inquiry.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Aid-e-Memoire-Ministerial-consultation-on-draft-Cabinet-paper-responding-to-the-school-property-inquiry.pdf</a> |

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| 4 | 26 August 2024 | 2024-0259 - Consultation on updated draft Cabinet paper responding to the School Property Inquiry | <a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Aid-e-Memoire-Consultation-on-updated-draft-Cabinet-paper-responding-to-the-School-Property-Inquiry.pdf">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Aid-e-Memoire-Consultation-on-updated-draft-Cabinet-paper-responding-to-the-School-Property-Inquiry.pdf</a> |
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Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982, on the grounds the information requested 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 being withheld**

There are two additional documents covered by your request that I have decided to withhold in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) in order to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

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 Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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