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Dear John Luke

## 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:

*"What is the appointment or call for nomination process for Public Service Commissioner? How many applicants you have received, how many shortlisted and interviewed. What background check you have conduct before appointment and may I kindly request to view the appointment letter sent to the appointee if there is one and I am happy for you to remove any personal information.*

### Information publicly available

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) proactively releases Public Service Chief Executive Appointment papers on the Commission's website. Listed in the table are the Public Service Commissioner appointment papers which are publicly available at the link outlined in the table.

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

Accordingly, I am refusing 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.

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

Hon Nicola Willis  
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