



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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## Official Information Request

**Our Ref: OIA 2024-0033**

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

*“Please provide me with documentation of the official process the NZ government must use to officially designate a group as "terrorist" and the information and sources used to make this assessment of Hamas, including any advice, correspondence and relating to the selection of information and information sources, and interpretation and processing of the information and evaluation of it, any matrixes, scorecards, Multi Criteria Analysis or similar frameworks that contribute to the decision including:*

- \* Documents, reports, memoranda, letters, texts and emails.*
- Non-written information, such as digital, video or tape recordings.*
- Manuals which set out internal rules, principles, policies or guidelines for decision making.*
- Information which is known to the Prime Ministers' Office, Cabinet, the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and any other agency but may not be written down.”*

## Our response

The information you have requested is not held by Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission). We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the grounds the information requested is not held by the Commission.

As required under section 14 of the OIA, if the Commission does not hold the information, but we believe the information is held by another agency, we are required to transfer your request. However, as you have also made your request directly to the Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Defence, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, we do not see it necessary to formally transfer your request.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto: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](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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Dirks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicky Dirks  
**Manager – Ministerial and Executive Services**  
**Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission**