



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Wendy McGuinness
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Dear Wendy
Official Information Request
Our Ref: 2024-0250

I refer to your official information request received on 13 September 2023 for:

“We are in the final stages of signing off on the publication [COVID-19 Nation Dates](#) (2nd edition).

We are hoping you could provide us with a copy of the Prime Minister’s letter establishing the COVID-19 Operations Command Centre. We understand the date of this letter is 19 March 2020. We understand it was sent from the Prime Minister to the Public Service Leadership Team (PSLT), requesting the establishment of the COVID-19 Operations Command Centre (OCC). We understand this appointed Mike Bush as leader, director and coordinator of this group”.

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	19 March 2020	Letter to State Sector Leadership Team	Released in full

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

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed document on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission’s website.

Yours sincerely



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