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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I write to you in response to your seeking information about measures that public service chief executives and leaders might take in relation to remuneration, further to those announced by the Prime Minister recently.

I refer to your request dated 18 April 2020 for COVID: 19 Voluntary Pay Cut & Request for official information.

Part one of your request relates to a policy position. This policy position is in line with the workforce guidance that has been provided and issued by SSC. Please refer to <https://ssc.govt.nz/our-work/er/>.

Part two of your request relates to specific agency information. The Chief Executive of the Health Quality & Safety Commission has agreed to take a voluntary 20% reduction in salary for six months commencing 30 April 2020 and a nil increase in remuneration until July 2021. The Chief Executive has also agreed to no remuneration increases for executive leaders and higher paid staff until July 2021.

The Commission continues to follow State Services Commission and Ministry of Health remuneration guidelines and agrees this annually with the Ministry of Health who is our agency monitor.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us on [info@hqsc.govt.nz](mailto:info@hqsc.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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