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Tēnā koe Margaret

Your Official Information Act request OIA 2122 - 0451

I write regarding your Official Information Act (the Act) request, which was received by Te Tari Taiwhenua, the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) on 6 December 2021.

You have requested:

How many leaders – from dce down to team leaders- have left dia over the process of local government and three waters change? Itemized by band and employment type (perm, fixed, contract, consultant etc).

Response to your request

We have interpreted your request as two questions and have responded to each below.

Question 1: the number of team leaders who have left since the commencement of the local government Three Waters Reform programme

The Government announced the Three Waters Reform programme in July 2021. No leaders at any level within the programme (from DCE to team leaders) have left the Department since the Government's announcement of the programme. Some leaders have moved internally or gone on secondment and some contractors have left because their contract had ended.

Question 2: the number of team leaders who have left because of the local government Three Waters Reform programme change process

As the Department does not keep records of whether leaders have left the Department due to the local government Three Waters Reform programme change process, we are declining this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act because the information requested does not exist.

If you have any feedback or questions about the Department's response, please let us know at OIA@DIA.govt.nz.

If you have any concerns with the information in this response, you have a right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information on how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802.

Nāku noa

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