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Tēnā koe,

Official information request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 1 February 2022 seeking the following information from the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB):

I would like to know how many staff are leaving the GCSB because of the COVID-19 vaccination requirements. Please split by terminations, as well as resignations.

On 17 December 2021 the GCSB and New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) introduced a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. The Policy stated that from 14 February 2022, all GCSB and NZSIS employees who come to our offices will be required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. This policy was consulted with the staff from both agencies, and the majority of feedback received was positive and in support of our vaccination approach.

In response to your request, I can advise that four GCSB employees resigned who indicated that they would be unable to meet the GCSB's Covid-19 vaccination requirements. After exploring all available options, a further three people were provided notice to end their employment.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact information@gcsb.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Hampton', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Hampton
Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tira Tiaki
Director-General, GCSB