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Dear Francis Cole

Request for information (OIA 2223-0096)

Thank you for your request for information dated 3 August 2022 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department). You requested the following information:

A list of ministerial staff positions/titles in each separate ministerial office currently employed as of July 2022 and the number of people in each role.

Response to your request

Please find the information you have requested in the attached table Appendix A.

The information in Appendix A represents ministerial staff employed by the Department as of 12 August 2022. The information is broken down by ministerial office, position title, and the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff in each position, with the numbers consistent with responses to your previous requests in 2021 and 2018.

Please note the following in relation to the information provided in Appendix A:

- The number of staff employed in a Minister's office fluctuate depending on the number and nature of portfolios held by the Minister at the time; and
- There have been some changes in contracts since your previous request that affect a small number of staff.

Please note Appendix A does not include:

- Hon Kieran McAnulty's office, as staff vacancies for this office are yet to be filled and roving staff are currently covering these positions;
- Roving staff employed by the Department provide backfill cover to meet fluctuating needs in Ministers' offices. They have not been included because they are not assigned to a particular Minister's office;

- Staff who are on leave without pay or parental leave;
- Staff on secondment from various government agencies as they remain employed by their home agency; and
- Existing vacancies as of 12 August 2022.

We intend to publish this OIA response on www.dia.govt.nz (with your personal details having been removed). Publishing responses to OIA requests increase the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the purpose of the Act to enable effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies, and to promote the accountability of Ministers and officials.

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 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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