



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Dear Ross

Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2023-0182

I refer to your official information request received on 22 August 2023 for:

“Please provide a list of all senior leadership appointments that are subject to a recommendation by the PSC, and the date when the term of the incumbent ends”.

Our Response

Under the Public Service Act 2020, the Public Service Commissioner (the Commissioner) is responsible for the appointment of chief executives of Public Service departments, departmental agencies and functional chief executives.

Since 2018, Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) has been publicly releasing Chief Executive appointment papers as part of our business-as-usual practice. These appointment papers can be found on the Commission’s website [here](#).

Information being released

Outlined in the table below are the current Public Service Chief Executives, listed by the Chief Executive, Agency, who recommended the appointment and the term end date.,

| Name | Agency | Recommended by | Term End Date |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Mr Chris Seed | Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade | Public Service Commissioner | 31 January 2024 |
| Mr Andrew Bridgman | Ministry of Defence | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 30 June 2024 |
| Ms Rebecca Kitteridge | Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet | Public Service Commissioner | 30 June 2024 |
| Ms Renee Graham | Social Wellbeing Agency | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 18 July 2024 |

| Name | Agency | Recommended by | Term End Date |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Dr Caralee McLiesh | Treasury | Public Service Commissioner | 15 September 2024 |
| Mr Dave Samuels | Te Puni Kokiri | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 15 September 2024 |
| Ms Iona Holsted | Ministry of Education | Public Service Commissioner | 4 December 2024 |
| Ms Lil Anderson | Te Arawhiti | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 1 December 2024 |
| Mr Mark Sowden | Statistics New Zealand | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 20 January 2025 |
| Ms Katrina Casey | Cyclone Recovery | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 15 March 2025 |
| Mr Nick Pole | Education Review Office | Public Service Commissioner | 20 June 2025 |
| Mr Chappie Te Kani | Oranga Tamariki | Public Service Commissioner | 30 September 2025 |
| Ms Carolyn Tremain | Business, Innovation and Employment | Public Service Commissioner | 30 September 2025 |
| Mr Mervin Singham | Ministry for Ethnic Communities | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 30 June 2026 |
| Ms Karen Chang | Serious Fraud Office | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 25 April 2026 |
| Mr Arran Jones | Independent Children's Monitor | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 3 May 2026 |
| Mr Dave Gawn | National Emergency Management Agency | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 31 August 2026 |
| Ms Penny Nelson | Department of Conservation | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 31 October 2026 |

| Name | Agency | Recommended by | Term End Date |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Mr Andrew Crisp | Ministry of Housing and Urban Development | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 2 May 2027 |
| Mr Andrew Kibblewhite | Ministry of Justice | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 2 May 2027 |
| Ms Christine Stevenson | NZ Customs | Public Service Commissioner | 30 June 2027 |
| Mr Ray Smith | Ministry for Primary Industries | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 30 June 2027 |
| Mr Peter Mersi | Inland Revenue Department | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 30 June 2027 |
| Mr Paul James | Department of Internal Affairs | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 30 June 2027 |
| Ms Debbie Power | Ministry of Social Development | Public Service Commissioner | 1 August 2027 |
| Ms Paula Tesoriero | Ministry for Disabled People | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 31 August 2027 |
| Mr Leauanae Laulu Mac Leauanae | Ministry of Culture and Heritage | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 16 October 2027 |
| Ms Kellie Coombes | Ministry for Women | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 25 October 2027 |
| Dr Diana Sarfati | Ministry of Health | Public Service Commissioner | 30 November 2027 |
| Ms Audrey Sonerson | Ministry of Transport | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 11 December 2027 |
| Ms Gerardine Clifford-Lidstone | Ministry for Pacific Peoples | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 31 January 2028 |

| Name | Agency | Recommended by | Term End Date |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Mr James Palmer | Ministry for the Environment | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 29 February 2028 |
| Mr Jeremy Lightfoot | Department of Corrections | Public Service Commissioner | 29 February 2028 |
| Mr Andrew Hampton | New Zealand Security Intelligence Service | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 16 April 2028 |
| Mr Rami Rahal | Cancer Control Agency | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | 9 July 2028 |
| Mr Andrew Clark | Government Communications Security Bureau | Public Service Commissioner | 29 October 2028 |
| Ms Adrienne Meikle (Acting) | Land Information New Zealand | Deputy Public Service Commissioner | |

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@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) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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