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RS Grant  
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Dear RS Grant

Thank you for your request of 6 March 2024, transferred from Hon David Seymour, made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) as follows:

*In March 2023 the RBNZ responded to an OIA request that I had submitted regarding changes in staffing levels between December 2017 and December 2022. In this response they advised that during that five-year period their “People & Capability” and “Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Wellbeing” directorates combined had increased their headcount from 4.0 to 30.4 FTEs. During the same period, their Communications staff had increased from 10.6 to 34.9 FTEs.*

*Please provide any information that you have received regarding these increases, including any justifications that you have been provided for such a growth in headcount*

A search of my records has confirmed that I hold no information within scope of your request. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA – that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the OIA. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman’s website at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Willis'.

Hon Nicola Willis  
**Minister of Finance**