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Andrew Riddell

Via email: fyi-request-27366-35132b5d@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Andrew

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 25 June 2024, in which you asked for:

'Please provide the 'wiring' diagrams showing all Department of Conservation planning and permissions positions (including resource management planning) for 1 July 2023 and what it will be on 1 July 2024. I do not need people's names, just position titles.'

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Context

The Department previously had a Unit which was called Planning, Permissions and Land (PPL) that was part of the Operations Business Group. In October 2022, many of the functions of the PPL Unit were moved into a new Business Group called National Operations and Regulatory Services (NORS).

Your request and our response

The wiring diagram dated 21 June 2023, which applied as at 1 July 2023, is provided and accompanies our response as Attachment 1. Please note we have redacted parts of the organisation charts which are not 'planning and permissions' positions and are therefore not in scope of your request.

The wiring diagram for this same area of the business as at 1 July 2024 has not yet been prepared as we are still working through a management of change process with affected staff and the information is changing daily. At this stage, it is expected that the wiring diagram would be completed around the end of July, which is when the management of change process is expected to be largely complete and available information is stable enough to create the wiring diagrams. Therefore, I regret that I am unable to provide you with this document because it does not yet exist. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen Chaney', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Chaney

Acting Chief People Officer

Department of Conservation

Te Papa Atawhai