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Tēnā koe T Hayden

Your Official Information Act request OIA – 2526 – 0924

I write regarding your Official Information Act (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) on 3 March 2026.

You have requested:

I would like to request the number of staff in public relations or communications roles at the Department of Internal Affairs for 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

I would also like to request the number of contractors in public relations or communications roles at the Department of Internal Affairs for 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

In particular, with the number of these staff in the Ministerial and Secretariat Services division for these years.

Response to your request

Please find below the response to your request:

The table below provides the number of employees and contractors in public relations or communications jobs on 30 June 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, and 2021:

Communications employees	June 2025	June 2024	June 2023	June 2022	June 2021
Ministerial offices	46 (43.45 FTE)	42 (38.05 FTE)	46 (42.9 FTE)	48 (41.6 FTE)	40 (35.5 FTE)
Departmental	35 (34.90FTE)	34 (34 FTE)	38 (38 FTE)	27 (23.9 FTE)	27 (25.9 FTE)
Total	81 (78.35)	76 (72.05)	84 (80.9 FTE)	75 (65.5 FTE)	67 (61.2 FTE)
Contractors	2	4	6	0	4

We intend to publish our response to your request on www.dia.govt.nz. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the Act's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of Ministers and officials.

If you have any feedback or questions about the Department's response, please let us know at OIA@DIA.govt.nz. If you have any concerns with the information in this response, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon George', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Simon George
General Manager, Human Resources - Pūmanawa Tangata