



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Dear Erika

## Official Information Request

**Our Ref: OIA 2026-0061**

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) received on 19 March 2026 where you asked:

*“How many employers contacted COVID redeployment at [publicservice.co.nz](http://publicservice.co.nz) [[COVIDdeployment@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:COVIDdeployment@publicservice.govt.nz)] for redeployment for unvaccinated staff in 2021/2022?”*

## Our response

The Public Service Commission (the Commission) did not keep a central record of which, or how many, agencies it supported with the redeployment of unvaccinated staff in 2021/2022.

The Commission provided guidance to support border agencies to work with their unvaccinated employees. From records available, four agencies approached the Commission for advice on managing unvaccinated staff, including redeployment options.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:Enquiries@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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this response (with your personal details removed) on the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

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