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Tēnā koe

Your Official Information Act request OIA – 2526 – 1310

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

You have requested:

Could you please give me:

- 1. a list of vacancies advertised for senior advisor or senior policy advisor roles, between 1 January 2026 and 31 May 2026*
- 2. how many applications were received for each of those advertisements, and*
- 3. how many applicants were shortlisted for interviews*

Response to your request

The table below sets out the senior advisor and senior policy advisor vacancies advertised between 1 January 2026 and 31 May 2026, the number of applications received for each vacancy, and the number of applicants shortlisted for interview.

Vacancy title	Number of applications	Number shortlisted for interview
Senior Communications Advisor	22	6
Senior Advisor Ministerial Systems	13	4
Senior Human Resources Advisor	18	5
Senior Cybersecurity Advisor	22	3
Senior Advisor - Inquiry into Tauranga Landslides*	-	-
Senior Advisor Digital Messaging and DVE	17	4
Senior Advisor Digital Safety	2	2
Senior Advisor, Engagement, Information and Education	2	2
Senior Advisor	20	6
Senior Advisor - Strategy and Governance	37	4
Senior Advisor Official Correspondence	20	3
Senior Advisor, Wellbeing, Health and Safety	16	4
Senior Advisor - Election 2026	15	3

Vacancy title	Number of applications	Number shortlisted for interview
Senior Advisor- Election 2026 (Governance)	15	2
Senior Advisor Resilience and Recovery	12	3
Senior Advisor Information Management	7	2
Senior Advisor Ministerial and Official Correspondence	1	1
Senior Advisor Ministerial and Official Correspondence	2	2
Senior Project Advisor (Artificial Intelligence)	15	0
Senior Advisor	11	0
Senior Advisor	2	1
Senior Advisor Implementation	30	4

*Please note documents created by an Inquiry only become official information once the Inquiry has completed its report. On this basis, the recruitment records are not currently official information and therefore not discoverable under the OIA.

We intend to publish our response to your request on the Department's website 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



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