

Chief Executives



Ms Una Jagose KC

Te Rōiā Matāmua o te Karauna  
Solicitor-General  
Te Tari Ture o te Karauna | Crown Law Office  
Commenced February 2016



Ms Penny Nelson

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Papa Atawhai  
Director-General of Conservation  
Te Papa Atawhai | Department of Conservation  
Commenced November 2021



Mr Jeremy Lightfoot

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Ara Poutama Aotearoa  
Secretary for Corrections  
Ara Poutama Aotearoa | Department of Corrections  
Commenced February 2020



Mr Paul James

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Taiwhenua  
Secretary for Internal Affairs  
Te Tari Taiwhenua | Department of Internal Affairs  
Commenced October 2018



Mr Ben King

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tari o te Pirimīa me te Komiti Matua  
Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
Te Tari o te Pirimīa me te Komiti Matua | Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
Commenced April 2024



Mr Nicholas Pole

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Arotake Mātauranga  
Chief Review Officer  
Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga | Education Review Office  
Commenced June 2017



Mr Andrew Clark

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tira Tiaki  
Director-General of the Communications Security Bureau  
Te Tira Tiaki | Government Communications Security Bureau  
Commenced October 2023



Mr Peter Mersi

Kaikōmihana o Te Tari Taake  
Commissioner of Inland Revenue  
Te Tari Taake | Inland Revenue  
Commenced July 2022



Ms Gaye Searancke

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Toitū Te Whenua  
Secretary for Land Information  
Toitū Te Whenua | Land Information New Zealand  
Commenced August 2019



Leauanae Lau Mac Leuanae

Te Tumu Whakarae mō ngā Taonga  
Secretary for Culture and Heritage  
Te Manatū Taonga | Ministry for Culture and Heritage  
Commenced October 2022



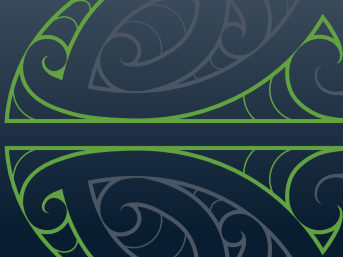
Ms Gerardine Clifford -Lidstone

Te Tumu Whakarae mō ngā Iwi o Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa  
Secretary for Pacific Peoples  
Te Manatū mō Ngā Iwi o Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa | Ministry for Pacific Peoples  
Commenced February 2023



Mr Ray Smith

Te Tumu Whakarae mō ngā Ahumahi Matua  
Director-General of Primary Industries  
Manatū Ahu Matua | Ministry for Primary Industries  
Commenced November 2018



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Ms Gráinne Moss

Te Reo title to come  
Secretary for Regulation  
Ministry for Regulations  
Commenced March 2024



Mr James Palmer

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Taiao  
Secretary for the Environment  
Manatū Mō Te Taiao | Ministry for the Environment  
Commenced March 2023



Ms Kellie Coombes

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Wahine  
Secretary for Women  
Manatū Wāhine | Ministry for Women  
Commenced June 2021



Ms Carolyn Tremain

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Hikina Whakatutuki  
Secretary for Business, Innovation, and Employment  
Hikina Whakatutuki | Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment  
Commenced July 2017



Mr Brook Barrington

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Waonga  
Secretary of Defence  
Manatū Kaupapa Waonga | Ministry of Defence  
Commenced July 2024



Ms Ellen MacGregor-Reid

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Mātauranga  
Secretary for Education  
Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga | Ministry of Education  
Commenced October 2024



Mr Bede Corry

Te Tumu Whakarae mō ngā Take Aorere  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Manatū Aorere | Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Commenced June 2024



Dr Diana Sarfati

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Hauora  
Director-General of Health  
Manatū Hauora | Ministry of Health  
Commenced August 2022



Mr Andrew Crisp

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga  
Secretary for Housing and Urban Development  
Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga | Ministry of Housing and Urban Development  
Commenced August 2018



Mr Andrew Kibblewhite

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Ture  
Secretary for Justice  
Tāhū o te Ture | Ministry of Justice  
Commenced February 2019



Ms Debbie Power

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Whakahiato Ora  
Secretary for Social Development  
Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora | Ministry of Social Development  
Commenced February 2019



Ms Audrey Sonerson

Te Tumu Whakarae mō ngā Waka  
Secretary for Transport  
Te Manatū Waka | Ministry of Transport  
Commenced December 2022

Chief Executives



Ms Christine Stevenson

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Mana Ārai  
Comptroller of Customs

Te Mana Ārai o Aotearoa | New Zealand  
Customs Service

Commenced January 2019



Mr Andrew Hampton

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Pā Whakamarumarū  
Director-General of Security

Te Pā Whakamarumarū | New Zealand Security  
Intelligence Service

Commenced April 2023



Mr Chappie Te Kani

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Tamariki  
Secretary for Children

Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children

Commenced October 2021



Mr Andrew Bridgman

Chief Executive on Assignment

Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children

Commenced July 2024



Sir Brian Roche KNZM

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Kawa Mataaho  
Public Service Commissioner, Head of Service

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission

Commenced November 2024



Ms Heather Baggott

Te Pou Turuki mō Te Kawa Mataaho  
Deputy Public Service Commissioner

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission

Commenced October 2021



Ms Rebecca Kitteridge cvo

Te Pou Turuki mō Te Kawa Mataaho  
Deputy Public Service Commissioner

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission

Commenced March 2023



Ms Karen Chang

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tari Hara Tāware  
Director of the Serious Fraud Office

Te Tari Hara Tāware | Serious Fraud Office

Commenced April 2022



Mr Andy Coster

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Toi Hau Tāngata  
Secretary for Social Investment

Toi Hau Tāngata | Social Investment Agency

Commenced November 2024



Mr Mark Sowden

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Tatauranga Aotearoa  
Government Statistician

Tatauranga Aotearoa | Statistics New Zealand

Commenced January 2020



Mr Dave Samuels

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Puni Kōkiri  
Secretary for Māori Development

Te Puni Kōkiri - Ministry of Māori Development

Commenced September 2019



Mr Iain Rennie

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tai Ōhanga  
Secretary to the Treasury

Te Tai Ōhanga | The Treasury

Commenced November 2024

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Mr Rami Rahal

Te Tumu Whakahaere  
Chief Executive  
Te Aho o te Kahu | Cancer Control Agency  
Commenced July 2023



Ms Jane Lee

Te Tumu Whakahaere  
Chief Executive  
Charter School Agency  
Commenced July 2024



Mr Rajesh Chhana

Te Tumu Whakahaere  
Chief Executive  
Government’s Response to the Royal  
Commission’s Report into Historical Absue in  
Care, Crown Response Office  
Commenced October 2024



Ms Katrina Casey

Te Tumu Whakahaere  
Chief Executive  
Cyclone Recovery  
Commenced February 2023



Mr Arran Jones

Te Tumu Whakahaere  
Independent Monitor of the Oranga Tamariki  
System and Chief Executive  
Aroturuki Tamariki | Independent Children’s  
Monitor  
Commenced May 2023



Ms Paula Tesoriero MNZM

Te Tumu Whakahaere  
Chief Executive  
Whaikaha | Ministry of Disabled People  
Commenced September 2022



Mr Mervin Singham

Te Tumu Whakahaere  
Chief Executive  
Te Tari Mātāwaka | Ministry for Ethnic  
Communities  
Commenced July 2021



Mr David Gawn MBE

Te Tumu Whakahaere  
Chief Executive  
Te Rākau Whakamarumarū | National  
Emergency Management Agency  
Commenced September 2021



Ms Lil Anderson

Te Tumu Whakarae  
Chief Executive  
Te Arawhiti - Office for Māori Crown Relations  
Commenced December 2019