

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 Pirīmia me te Komiti Matua Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Te Tari o te Pirīmia 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 Laulu Mac Leauanae

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

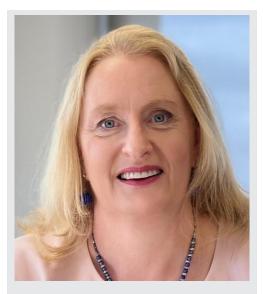
Te Tumu Whakarae mō ngā Ahumahi Matua Director-General of Primary Industries

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 Regulation

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 Hīkina Whakatutuki Secretary for Business, Innovation, and Employment

Hīkina 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



Ms Audrey Sonerson

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Hauora Director-General of Health

Manatū Hauora | Ministry of Health

Commenced April 2025



Mr Brad Ward

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 December 2024



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 Ruth Fairhall

Te Tumu Whakarae mō ngā Waka Secretary for Transport

Te Manatū Waka | Ministry of Transport Commenced February 2025



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 Whakamarumaru Director-General of Security

Te PāWhakamarumaru | New Zealand Security Intelligence Service Commenced April 2023



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

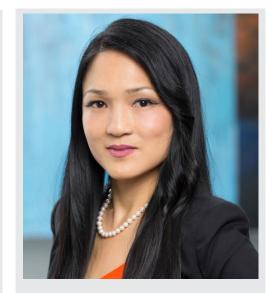


Ms Rebecca Kitteridge CVO

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



Ms Mary Craig

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Tatauranga Aotearoa Government Statistician

Tatauranga Aotearoa | Statistics New Zealand

Commenced March 2025



Mr Dave Samuels

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Puni Kōkiri | Secretary for Māori Development

Te Puni Kōkiri - Ministry of Māori Development

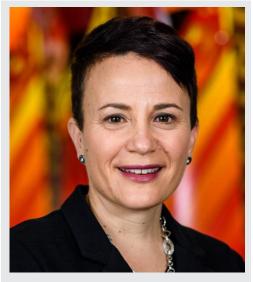
Commenced September 2019



Mr Iain Rennie

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tai Ōhanga Secretary to the Treasury

Te Tai Ōhanga | The Treasury Commenced November 2024



Ms Paula Tesoriero MNZM

Secretary for Disabled People and Chief Executive (te reo title to come)

Whaikaha | Ministry of Disabled People Commenced September 2022

Public Service Leaders



Chief Executives



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

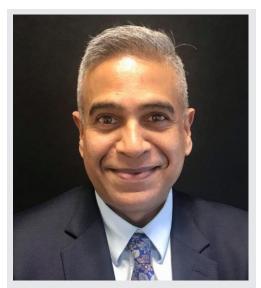


Mr Rajesh Chhana

Te Tumu Whakahaaere Chief Executive

Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in Care, Crown Response Office

Commenced October 2024



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 Whakamarumaru | National Emergency Management Agency Commenced September 2021



Ms Justine Smith

Te Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive

Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana – Te Tari Whakatau

Commenced May 2025



Mr Jerome Sheppard

Functional Chief Executive School Property Commenced January 2025