



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 PapaAtawhai
Director-General of Conservation

Te PapaAtawhai | 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



Ms Ruth Shinoda

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Arotake
Mātauranga
Chief Review Officer

Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga | Education
Review Office

Commenced November 2025



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 Jan Pierce

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Toitū Te Whenua
Secretary for Land Information

Toitū Te Whenua | Land Information New
Zealand

Commenced February 2026



Leauanae Lulu 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 Whakaraemō 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



Chief Executives



Ms Gráinne Moss

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



Mr Nic Blakeley

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Hīkina Whakatutuki |
Secretary for Economic Growth and
Chief Executive
Hīkina Whakatutuki | Ministry of Business,
Innovation, and Employment
Commenced January 2026



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



Ms Adrienne Meikle

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 January 2026



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



Mr Brad Ward

Te Tumu Whakarae mō ngā Waka
Secretary for Transport
Te Manatū Waka | Ministry of Transport
Commenced January 2026



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



Ms Amanda Malu

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Tamariki
Secretary for Children and Chief Executive

Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children

Commenced February 2026



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 Gaye Searancke

Chief Executive on Assignment –
Future State of the Public Service

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service
Commission

Commenced February 2026



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 Alistair Mason

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Toi Hau Tāngata
Secretary for Social Investment

Toi Hau Tāngata | Social Investment Agency

Commenced December 2025



Mr Colin Lynch

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Tatauranga Aotearoa
Government Statistician

Tatauranga Aotearoa | Statistics New
Zealand

Commenced January 2026



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

Whaikaha | Ministry of Disabled People

Commenced September 2022



Chief Executives



Ms Nicola Hill

Te Tumu Whakahaere
Chief Executive
Te Aho o te Kahu | Cancer Control Agency
Commenced December 2025



Mr Sean Teddy

Te Tumu Whakahaere
Chief Executive
Charter School Agency
Commenced December 2025



Mr Rajesh Chhana

Te Tumu Whakahaere
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 Whakamarumarū | 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