



Chief Executives



Anna Adams KC

Te Rōiā Matāmua o te Karauna
Solicitor-General

Te Tari Ture o te Karauna
Crown Law Office

Commenced: May 2026



Peter Chrisp

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Papa Atawhai
Director-General of Conservation

Te Papa Atawhai
Department of Conservation

Commenced: July 2026



Rachel Leota

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Ara Poutama
Aotearoa Secretary for Corrections

Ara Poutama Aotearoa
Department of Corrections

Commenced: May 2026



Paul James

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Taiwhenua
Secretary for Internal Affairs

Te Tari Taiwhenua
Department of Internal Affairs

Commenced: October 2018



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



David Ferguson

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Arotake
Mātauranga Chief Review Officer

Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga
Education Review Office

Commenced: July 2026



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



Peter Mersi

Kaikōmihana o Te Tari Taake
Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Te Tari Taake
Inland Revenue

Commenced: July 2022



Brad Ward

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Toitū Te Whenua
Secretary for Land Information

Toitū Te Whenua
Land Information New Zealand

Commenced: July 2026



Jeremy Lightfoot

Secretary for Cities, Environment, Regions
and Transport and Chief Executive

Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions
and Transport

Commenced: April 2026



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



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



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Ray Smith

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



Gráinne Moss

Secretary for Regulation
Te Manatū Waeture | Ministry for Regulation
Commenced: March 2024



Kellie Coombes

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



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



Brook Barrington

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



Ellen MacGregor-Reid

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



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



Audrey Sonerson

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Hauora Director-General of Health
Manatū Hauora | Ministry of Health
Commenced: April 2025



Andrew Kibblewhite

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



Debbie Power

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



Christine Stevenson

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Mana Ārai Comptroller of Customs
Te Mana Ārai o Aotearoa | New Zealand Customs Service
Commenced: January 2019



Andrew Hampton

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Pā Whakamarumarū Director-General of Security
Te Pā Whakamarumarū | New Zealand Security Intelligence Service
Commenced: April 2023



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Amanda Malu

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Tamariki
Secretary for Children
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
Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho
Commenced: November 2024



Heather Baggott

Te Pou Turuki mō Te Kawa Mataaho
Deputy Public Service Commissioner
Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho
Commenced: October 2021



Gaye Searancke

Chief Executive on Assignment – Future State of the Public Service
Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho
Commenced: February 2026



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



Brendan Boyle

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Toi Hau Tāngata
Secretary for Social Investment
Toi Hau Tāngata | Social Investment Agency
Commenced: May 2026



Colin Lynch

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Tatauranga Aotearoa | Government Statistician
Tatauranga Aotearoa | Statistics New Zealand
Commenced: January 2026



Dion Tuuta

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Puni Kōkiri | Secretary for Māori Development
Te Puni Kōkiri – Ministry of Māori Development
Commenced: July 2026



Iain Rennie

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tai Ōhanga
Secretary to the Treasury
Te Tai Ōhanga | The Treasury
Commenced: November 2024



Paula Tesoriero MNZM

Secretary for Disabled People and Chief Executive
Whaikaha | Ministry of Disabled People
Commenced: September 2022



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Nicola Hill

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



Sean Teddy

Te Tumu Whakahaere
Chief Executive
Charter School Agency | Te Tari Kura
Hourua
Commenced: December 2025



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



Pratima Namasivayam

Te Tumu Whakahaere
Chief Executive
Te Tari Mātāwaka | Ministry
for Ethnic Communities
Commenced: July 2026



David Gawn MBE

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



Justine Smith

Te Tumu Whakarae
Chief Executive
Office of Treaty Settlements and
Takutai Moana – Te Tari Whakatau
Commenced: May 2025



Gus Gilmore

Functional Chief Executive
School Property
Commenced: July 2026