



## 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



**Mike Tully**

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

Te Tari o te Pirimia me te Komiti Matua  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Commenced: April 2024



**Tim Fowler**

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Arotake  
Mātauranga Chief Review Officer

Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga  
Education Review Office

Commenced: May 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



**Jan Pierce**

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Toitū Te Whenua  
Secretary for Land Information

Toitū Te Whenua  
Land Information New Zealand

Commenced: February 2026



**Jeremy Lightfoot**

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

Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions  
and Transport

Commenced: April 2026

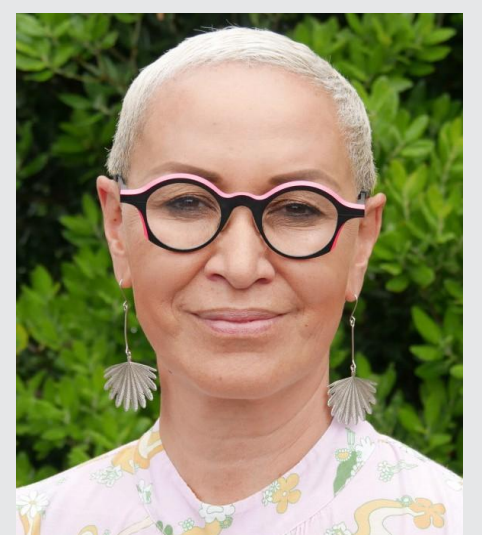


**Leauanae Lulu Mac Leuanae**

Te Tumu Whakarae mō ngā Taonga  
Secretary for Culture and Heritage

Te Manatū Taonga  
Ministry for Culture and Heritage

Commenced: October 2022



**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  
Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission  
Commenced: November 2024



**Heather Baggott**

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



**Gaye Searancke**

Chief Executive on Assignment –  
Future State of the Public Service  
Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission  
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 Whakataū  
Commenced: May 2025



### Jerome Sheppard

Functional Chief Executive  
School Property

Commenced: January 2025