



## Chief Executives



**Ms Anna Adams KC**

Te Rōiā Matāmua o te Karauna  
Solicitor-General

Te Tari Ture o te Karauna | Crown Law  
Office

Commenced May 2026



**Ms Penny Nelson**

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te PapaAtawhai  
Director-General of Conservation

Te PapaAtawhai | Department of  
Conservation

Commenced November 2021



**Ms Rachel Leota**

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Ara Poutama  
Aotearoa Secretary for Corrections

Ara Poutama Aotearoa |  
Department of Corrections

Commenced May 2026



**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 Tim Fowler**

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Arotake  
Mātauranga Chief Review Officer

Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga | Education  
Review Office

Commenced May 2026



**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



**Mr 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 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



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**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



**Ms Gráinne Moss**

Secretary for Regulation

Te Manatū Waeture |  
Ministry for Regulation

Commenced March 2024



**Mr Sam Buckle**

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Taiao  
Secretary for the Environment

Manatū Mō Te Taiao |  
Ministry for the Environment

Commenced March 2026



**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 Hikina Whakatutuki  
Secretary for Economic Growth and  
Chief Executive

Hikina 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



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**Mr Brad Ward**

Te Tumu Whakarae mō ngā Waka  
Secretary for Transport

Te Manatū Waka | Ministry of Transport

Commenced January 2026



**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

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 Brendan Boyle**

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Toi Hau Tāngata  
Secretary for Social Investment

Toi Hau Tāngata | Social Investment  
Agency

Commenced May 2026



**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



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**Ms Paula Tesoriero MNZM**

Secretary for Disabled People and Chief Executive

Whaikaha | Ministry of Disabled People  
Commenced September 2022



**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



**Ms Pratima Namasivayam**

Te Tumu Whakahaere  
Chief Executive

Te Tari Mātāwaka | Ministry for Ethnic Communities  
Commenced June 2026



**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 Whakataū  
Commenced May 2025



**Mr Jerome Sheppard**

Functional Chief Executive  
School Property

Commenced January 2025