



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

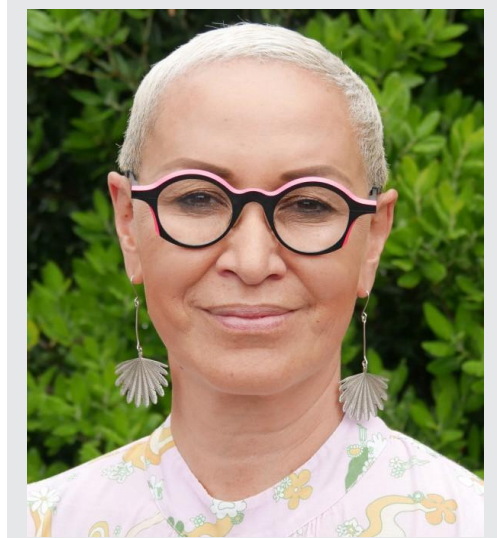


Leauanae Laulu Mac Leuanae

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

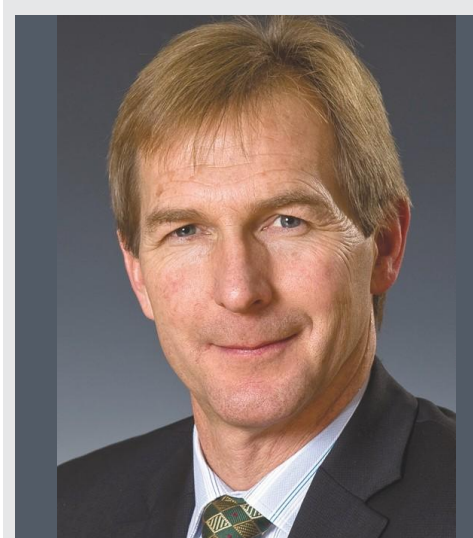


Ms Adrienne Meikle

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



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 Whakataū
Commenced May 2025



Mr Jerome Sheppard

Functional Chief Executive
School Property

Commenced January 2025