

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 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



Mr Nicholas Pole

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Arotake Mātauranga
Chief Review Officer

Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga | Education Review Office

Commenced June 2017



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 Gaye Searancke

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Toitū Te Whenua
Secretary for Land Information

Toitū Te Whenua | Land Information New Zealand

Commenced August 2019



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

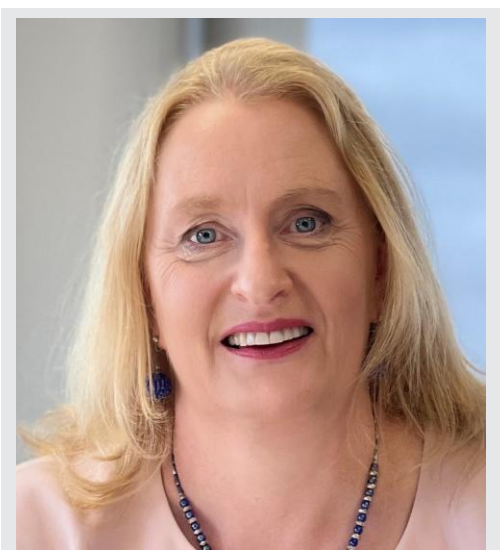
Te Tumu Whakarae mō ngā Ahumahi Matua
Director-General of Primary Industries

Manatū Ahu Matua | Ministry for Primary Industries

Commenced November 2018



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Ms Gráinne Moss

Te Reo title to come
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



Ms Suzanne Stew

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Hikina Whakatutuki
Secretary for Business, Innovation, and Employment
Hikina Whakatutuki | Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment
Commenced September 2025



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



Mr Brad Ward

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 December 2024



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



Ms Ruth Fairhall

Te Tumu Whakarae mō ngā Waka
Secretary for Transport
Te Manatū Waka | Ministry of Transport
Commenced February 2025



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
Whakamarumaru
Director-General of Security
Te PāWhakamarumaru | New Zealand
Security Intelligence Service
Commenced April 2023



Mr Andrew Bridgman

Chief Executive on Assignment
Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children
Commenced July 2024



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 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 Andy Coster

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Toi Hau Tāngata
Secretary for Social Investment
Toi Hau Tāngata | Social Investment Agency
Commenced November 2024



Ms Mary Craig

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Tatauranga Aotearoa
Government Statistician
Tatauranga Aotearoa | Statistics New
Zealand
Commenced March 2025



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 (te reo title to come)
Whaikaha | Ministry of Disabled People
Commenced September 2022



Chief Executives



Mr Rami Rahal

Te Tumu Whakahaere
Chief Executive
Te Aho o te Kahu | Cancer Control Agency
Commenced July 2023



Ms Jane Lee

Te Tumu Whakahaere
Chief Executive
Charter School Agency
Commenced July 2024



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 Whakamarumaru | 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