Public Service Leaders

Public Service Commission
Te Kawa Mataaho

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 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



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



Paula Tesoriero MNZM

Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Wahine Secretary for Women

Manatū Wāhine | Ministry for Women

Commenced: October 2026



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 Whakamarumaru Director-General of Security

Te Pā Whakamarumaru | 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



Thor Gudjonsson

Te Pou Turuki mō Te Kawa Mataaho
Deputy Public Service Commissioner

Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho

Commenced: October 2026



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

Chief Executives



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 Whakamarumaru | 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