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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Chief Executives

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

Anna Chalmers

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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Chief Executives

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

Heather Baggott

Te Pou Turuki mō Te Kawa Mataaho
Deputy Public Service Commissioner

Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho

Commenced: October 2021

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