



6 August 2020



Dear 

Official Information Request
Our Ref: SSCOIA 2020/0062

I refer to your official information request received on 29 July 2020 where you asked:

"I am after latest reported salaries of CEO's of Crown research institutes (CRI). I can't find it easily on your website. Would you be able to assist me? In particular I am after 2018/2019 salaries for CEO of the CRI listed below:

- Ag Research
- ESR
- GNS
- Landcare
- NIWA
- Plant & Food
- Scion



Information being released

At the request of Cabinet, the State Services Commission has reported to the public on State Sector chief executive pay since 2010.

The annual disclosure provides transparency for the public around the levels of remuneration received by chief executives in the State Sector. This includes chief executives and acting chief executives for Public Service departments, Departmental agencies, District Health Boards, Tertiary Education Institutions, other statutory Crown entities and Crown entity subsidiaries, and statutory officers.

The 2018/19 Senior Pay report is publicly available and can be found on the SSC website [here](#).

Crown Research Institutes

Crown Research Institutes (CRI) are Crown Entity Companies and are not included in the Senior Pay Report. We are therefore refusing your request for the salaries of the Chief Executives for the CRI's under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act on the grounds that the requested information is not held by the SSC.

CRI's are expected to comply with Section 211 of the Companies Act 1993, which only requires the reporting of the number of employees who received remuneration exceeding \$100,000 per annum, in brackets of \$10,000 in their Annual Report which are publicly available on their websites.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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