



25 March 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Request**  
**Our Ref: SSCOIA 2020-0023**

I refer to your official information request received on 2 March 2020 where you asked for:

*“a list of all public sector agencies (and related entities etc), and their employee numbers/headcount. **2019 Fact sheet summary** - <https://ssc.govt.nz/our-work/workforce-data/2019-fact-sheet-summary/> This provides the information I am looking for (FTE employees by department) but only for 34 agencies (totalling 52,628 employees).*

*I am keen to get this information for the broader public sector - e.g. the public sector employed around 403,000 people (headcount) in 2018\* - from the **Public Service Workforce Data 2018 report** - [https://ssc.govt.nz/assets/Legacy/resources/2018-Public-Service-Workforce-Data\\_pdf\\_0-v2.pdf](https://ssc.govt.nz/assets/Legacy/resources/2018-Public-Service-Workforce-Data_pdf_0-v2.pdf)*

*Ideally, I would like to see employee numbers/headcount for all departments, agencies, entities, local authorities etc that make up the 403,000 people.”*

The State Services Commission (SSC) has been collecting and publishing workforce data on Public Service employees since 2000. This data is primarily collected from the 34 core Public Service departments.

The only wider public sector information that is available on our website shows the numbers of employees broken down into Public Service, Education Sector, Health Sector, SoEs, other Govt Entities and Local Government and can be found at the following link:

<https://ssc.govt.nz/our-work/workforce-data/the-composition-of-the-wider-public-sector/>

In response to your specific data request, the SSC does not hold the employee numbers/headcount for all departments, agencies, entities, local authorities etc that make up the 403,000 people.

Therefore, we are refusing your request in full under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act that the information requested does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://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 SSC website.

Yours sincerely



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