



12 June 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Request
Our Ref: SSCOIA 2020-0048**

I refer to your official information request received on 4 June 2020 where you asked:

"I am doing research on the number of public servants across the state sector agencies of New Zealand. May I request your guidance on how to get this information please".

Information being released

The State Sector comprises of the Public Service (34 Department's and 4 Departmental Agencies who are subject to the State Sector Act), Education Sector, Health Sector, State Owned Enterprises and other organisations.

As at 30 June 2019, the total number of employees for the State sector was around 364,000.

The State Services Commission (SSC) collects information on the wider public sector, which includes other government entities and Local Government outside the State sector. That information can be found on the SSC website [here](#). You can calculate State sector numbers by adding together the headcount for Public Service, Education Sector, Health Sector, State Owned Enterprises and Other Government Entities.

SSC has collected and published workforce data, which includes workforce numbers and a range of other characteristics such as the public service pay gap, workforce demographic and wage trends since 2000. That data is primarily collected from the 38 core Public Service departments and departmental agencies and is publicly available [here](#).

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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