



**Te Kawa Mataaho**  
Public Service Commission

2 August 2021

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**Official Information Request**

**Our Ref: 2021/0100**

I refer to your official information request received on 8 July 2021 for:

*“the number of respondents to the Public Service Census who identified as a Scientologist, broken down by agency.”*

**Our Response**

New Zealand’s first Public Service Census started on 11 May and closed in early June 2021.

About 60,000 public servants working in 36 agencies ([departments and departmental agencies](#)) were asked questions focusing on diversity, inclusion and wellbeing at work, a unified Public Service, and strengthening Māori-Crown relationships.

The Census information is currently being processed, therefore currently we do not hold the information in the form you have requested. We have collected information on religion and plan to report on this topic, once the information is ready to be released.

Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the ground that the requested information is not held by the Commission in the form you have requested.

Information relating the Census can be found on our website at the following link: <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/our-work/workforce-data/public-service-census-2021/>

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial.Services@publicservice.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 Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission’s website.

Yours sincerely

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