



30 March 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Request**  
**Our Ref: SSCOIA 2020-0022**

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

*“statistical information regarding the state sector employees: whether the employees working in the state sector are NZ citizen, NZ resident, on work visa and on student visa broken down by tier 1, 2 and 3.”*

The State Services Commission (SSC) has been collecting and publishing workforce data on Public Service employees since 2000. This information can be found on the SSC website at the following link: [Workforce Data](#)

In response to your request, SSC does not hold the statistical information regarding the State sector employees, specifically whether the employees working in the State sector are New Zealand citizen, New Zealand resident, on a work visa and on a student visa broken down by tier 1, 2 and 3.

On the receipt of your request, I have also been in touch with Statistics New Zealand and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, which have both confirmed that they also do not hold the data you have requested.

Therefore, we are refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act on the grounds that the requested information 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Dirks'.

Nicky Dirks  
**Managing Principal – Ministerial Services**  
**State Services Commission**