



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2023-0339

I refer to your official information request received on 29 January 2024 where you asked:

“I’m getting in touch to request data of headcounts across the public service, from 2017 through to now - categorised by year.”

Publicly available information

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) has been collecting and publishing workforce data since 2000. The Workforce Data collection is a snapshot of information as at 30 June of each year which includes the public sector composition. It includes information for headcount numbers across the Public Service and is publicly available on the Commission’s website at the link provided in the table below.

Headcount across the Public Service can be found in the table titled “Detailed workforce metrics over time – Workforce Data from HR records”.

Workforce data as at 31 December 2023

The Commission also publishes workforce data quarterly on our website. A provisional calendar of Public Service Data Release dates can be found on our website [here](#). The next workforce data release is the quarterly data set as at 31 December 2023. This data is currently being finalised for the scheduled release in March 2024 and will be published on the Commission’s website at the link also provided in the table below.

Item	Title	Web address
1	Detailed workforce metrics over time – Workforce Data from HR records	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/research-and-data/guidance-data-drilldown-and-technical-guidance/
2	Quarterly Data as at 31 December 2023	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/research-and-data/?Search=&Topics%5B%5D=188-Workforce%2BData

Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the grounds that the information requested is and soon will be publicly available.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact 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 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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Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission**