



TE TAI ŌHANGA
THE TREASURY

Reference: 20220147

27 May 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 29 April 2022. You requested the following information:

- 1. How many FTE staff in total were employed by your organisation as at 31 December 2021?*
- 2. What percentage of FTE staff in your organisation were earning a salary of \$100,000 or more as at 31 December 2021?*
- 3. How many FTE staff were employed by your organisation for the COVID-19 Response as at 31 December 2021, if any, and how many of these roles are permanent?*
- 4. As of today's date, how many square meters of office space does your organisation have in total?*
- 5. Was there a Government Relations Team in your organisation as at 31 December 2021, and if so, how many FTE staff work in government relations roles?*

Information being released

Please find responses to each of your questions below:

- 1. How many FTE staff in total were employed by your organisation as at 31 December 2021?*

As at 31 December 2021, the Treasury employed 600 staff.

- 2. What percentage of FTE staff in your organisation were earning a salary of \$100,000 or more as at 31 December 2021?*

As at 31 December 2021, 61 percent of Treasury employees were earning a salary of \$100,000 or more.

1 The Terrace
PO Box 3724
Wellington 6140
New Zealand
tel. +64-4-472-2733

<https://treasury.govt.nz>

3. How many FTE staff were employed by your organisation for the COVID-19 Response as at 31 December 2021, if any, and how many of these roles are permanent?

As the Treasury's response to the Covid-19 pandemic continues, it has transitioned work on response and recovery into its core work programmes. In November 2020, the Treasury established a new Economic Strategy Directorate, which has the role of steering thinking on economic and regulatory strategy, both to accelerate New Zealand's recovery from COVID-19 and to address the long-standing economic challenges New Zealand faces.

This means that roles may contain elements that support the country's COVID response, as well as elements not relating directly to COVID. I am also informed other roles within the Treasury provide some support to the response but also include other tasks.

Because the extent to which people work on COVID-related issues varies over time, it is not possible to quantify a specific FTE number. Therefore, I am refusing the actual FTE figure requested under section 18(f) of the OIA – that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

4. As of today's date, how many square meters of office space does your organisation have in total?

The total annual gross space leased is 8419.5 m², of which we are subleasing 1,561.1 m² to another agency. Therefore, the net Treasury space is 6,858.4 m².

5. Was there a Government Relations Team in your organisation as at 31 December 2021, and if so, how many FTE staff work in government relations roles?

The Treasury has a dedicated unit of staff whose primary role is to support the Minister or their office with OIA requests, ministerial correspondence, and Parliamentary questions. As of 31 December 2021, nine members of staff were working in the Ministerial Advisory Service (MAS).

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

Emma MacRae
Head of People Operations