

Reference: 20230272

1 June 2023



Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 17 May 2023. You requested the following:

- *The total number of staff from The Treasury that were seconded to support the Associate Minister of Finance (Kiritapu Allan) as a Private Secretary in the period from 14 June 2022 to 01 February 2023, and for each Private Secretary (listed as "Person 1", "Person 2", etc – I do not require identifying details) please provide:*
 - *the start date of their secondment to the Ministers' office*
 - *the end date of their secondment to the Ministers' office*
 - *the period of their secondment as it was first agreed*
 - *if the secondment was terminated earlier than agreed, the reason for early termination*
 - *the total value across all secondees of any dismissal pay or compensation awarded for early termination*
- *The total cost of all legal and mediation fees, if any, that have been incurred in relation to any secondment to the Ministers' Office*
- *Whether any personal grievances have been raised by any secondee against the Minister or anyone within the Ministers' Office (I do not require any identifying details – only the number of personal grievances) and for each personal grievance please detail:*
 - *if the personal grievance is still active or if it is now resolved*
 - *if the Employment Relations Authority was involved*
- *A copy of any correspondence that refers to complaints or concerns that have been raised in relation to the Ministers' behaviour or conduct towards a secondee that has been raised with any member of your senior leadership team.*
- *Details of any knowledge that you, the Chief Executive, possess in relation to any concerns or complaints that have been raised about the Ministers' behaviour or conduct towards a secondee.*

The Treasury had one private secretary providing part-time support for Minister Allan in her capacity as Associate Minister of Finance (AMOF).

The secondee supported Minister Allan throughout her appointment as an Associate Minister of Finance, during the time frame you requested - 14 June 2022 – 1 February 2023. (Note that the secondee's primary office was the Minister of Finance, and their secondee agreement was with the Minister of Finance's office. Their secondment to the Minister of Finance's office began prior to and finished after their time supporting Minister Allan).

No concerns were raised by the secondee to their Treasury manager or to the Treasury senior leadership about Minister Allan's behaviour or conduct towards them.

The Treasury is not aware of any personal grievances, mediation, complaints or concerns relating to their private secretary support for Minister Allan.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) 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

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Head of People Operations