



20 February 2026

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 23 January 2026, requesting information about the number of employees who sought staff through the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry).

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on each part of your request set out separately below.

- *the number of employers in New Zealand, if any, who went to the Ministry of Social Development and Employment to look for staff between 1 May 2020 to 31 October 2023*

Please refer to **Table One** in the attached **Appendix**: Number of distinct opportunity provider identifications that listed job opportunities with MSD between 1 May 2020 and 31 October 2023.

- *I also request the lowest number of employers in New Zealand, if any, who went to the Ministry of Social Development and Employment in a single year to look for staff and what year was this?*

Please refer to **Table Two** in the attached **Appendix**: Number of distinct opportunity provider identifications that listed job opportunities with MSD between 1 March 2016 and 31 December 2025, broken down by year. The lowest year is 2024 with 8,635 distinct opportunity provider identifications that listed job opportunities.

Please note that this data provided gives the number of unique employers listing job opportunities with the Ministry however this does not reflect the number of vacancies listed by these employers.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Graham', written in a cursive style.

Anna Graham
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