



19 May 2023

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 24 April 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *“How many members of staff working for your organisation were suspended in the 2022/23 financial year?”*
- *How many members of staff are currently suspended for any reason?*
- *How many members of staff are currently suspended and are still receiving their salary?*
- *For those suspended and still receiving their salaries, please indicate the reason for their suspension and the duration of their suspension so far.”*

On 27 April 2023 you refined your request to note:

“Incomplete data for the redundancies and suspensions is fine, thank you. I appreciate that the financial year has not yet concluded. The most up-to-date information possible would be great.”

In response to you the first part of your request, I can confirm that no staff at Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development are currently suspended or have been suspended in the previous financial year.

As the Ministry has no suspended staff, there is no information to answer your subsequent questions. Therefore, the remainder of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman’s website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Yours sincerely

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