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Tēnā koe § 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 29 November 2022 for information regarding the Ministry's internal communications team. Each part of your request is responded to below:

Does Ministry of Health have an internal communications team?

Yes. The internal communications team provides direction and leadership to directorates and teams within the Ministry, supporting them in meeting their strategic and business objectives. The team is responsible for developing, planning and implementing the Ministry's internal communications strategy. The team uses a wide range of digital and face-to-face channels to engage with their internal audiences and working collaboratively across the Communications and Engagement Group.

How many staff members are employed to do 'internal communications'?

The internal communications team has 4 positions. However, these are not all filled currently.

What is lowest, highest, and median salary of these staff members?

The salary bands for internal communications roles are:

Manager	\$138,067 – \$184,089
Senior Advisor	\$88,384 – \$117,845
Advisor	\$66,000 – \$88,000

Due to the small number of staff in the team, I am withholding the specific lowest, highest, and median salary details under section 9(2)(a) in order to protect the privacy of the individuals concerned. The need to protect the personal employment information of staff outweighs the public interest in the matter. I believe the release of the salary bands meets this interest.

I trust this information satisfies your request. If you have any questions about this response or require any further information, please contact oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Turner', is positioned above the typed name.

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