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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 staffing at Manatū Hauora. Each part of your request is responded to below.

How many staff currently work at the Ministry of Health?

There are 1,014 people working across Manatū Hauora offices as at 1 December 2022. This includes staff, contractors, and independent consultants.

What is the percentage of staff who currently work at the office on a regular basis?

Manatū Hauora does not collect data or track the percentage of staff who are working in the office or working from home on a regular basis. Our Flexible First Policy aligns with Te Kawa Mataaho (Public Service Commission's) flexible work by default guidelines. This means treating all roles as suitable for flexible working unless there is a good business reason why any role cannot be flexible. In addition, Manatū Hauora refers to the hybrid working guidance from Te Kawa Mataaho to inform our approach to hybrid working. While managed at a team level, most of our staff work both remotely and from the office on a regular basis.

How many individual dedicated workspaces at Ministry of Health buildings are currently going unused? - individual dedicated workspaces include any area where a staff member could possibly work

If all Ministry of Health buildings were at full capacity, how many staff would be working?

Manatū Hauora is not aware of any specific spaces that are not regularly used. Manatū Hauora leases two offices, 133 Molesworth Street in Wellington and 650 Great South Road in Auckland.

In Wellington, our office space is shared with Te Aho o Te Kahu (Cancer Control Agency) and Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand). This office space has 1,267 desks.

In Auckland, our premises are shared with Te Aho o Te Kahu, Te Whatu Ora, and the Health Quality & Safety Commission. This office space has 92 desks.

In addition, Manatū Hauora has staff located in Dunedin and Christchurch in offices that are leased by Te Whatu Ora.

How many staff at the Ministry of Health are currently working at one of the buildings?

Manatū Hauora does not centrally record the number of Ministry staff who work at our buildings.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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



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