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Tēnā koe Erika

Your request for Official information, reference: HNZ00031173

Thank you for your email on 10 October 2023, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am still waiting on a complete answer. My question was not how many terminated staff had reentered the workforce. My question was :

how many of these health professionals have you hired back?

So that would be back to their previous positions from which you terminated them.

As advised in our previous response to you (ref: HNZ00029446), we are unable to identify people who have left Te Whatu Ora and returned, only those employees who have renewed their annual practising certificates; however, they could be working for any employer.

In relation to health professionals we have hired back, we do not hold this data centrally and in order to provide you with the requested information would require us to go out to the regions and get them to manually locate, pull and assess each individual file. The collation required for this request is not feasible. Te Whatu Ora would need to divert personnel from their core duties and allocate extra time to complete this task. The diversion of these resources would impair our ability to continue standard operations. As such, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as it requires substantial collation.

We have considered whether Te Whatu Ora would be able to respond to your requests given extra time or the ability to charge for the information requested. We have concluded that, in either case, our ability to undertake our work would still be prejudiced.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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