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Official information request

Our ref: R001527

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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request, which was received by the Ministry for Regulation (Ministry) on 11 June 2026. You requested:

What is the expected timeline of implementing the Government's public service overhaul targets within your agency, and when you expect to consult staff on restructures if you have not done so already?

Whether your agency is planning on or considering to cut any roles located in the Northland region, and if so, how many, and what specific roles?

Whether your agency is planning on or considering to cut any Māori specific roles, and if so, how many, and what specific roles?

Whether your agency is planning on or considering to cut any staffing who have identified to Whakapapa Māori, and if so, how many, and what specific roles?

What advice, including briefings, weekly reports, aide memoirs, or any other written advice, has been given to your leadership team or relevant Minister on the impact of cuts to any regional delivery programmes of work, if any?

What advice, including briefings, weekly reports, aide memoirs, or any other written advice has been given to their leadership team or their Minister on any Māori workforce impacts of restructures to implement public service job cuts, if any?

As part of Budget 2026, the Government announced a public service reform programme that includes a gradual reduction of public service full-time equivalents to 55,000 by June 2029.

At the Ministry for Regulation, no decisions have been made about workforce impacts or any reduction of staff resulting from this announcement. Additionally, the Ministry does not have a Northland office, or Māori-specific roles. It is optional for staff to provide information on ethnicity, including whether they whakapapa Māori.

Accordingly, no advice has been provided to leadership or the Minister for Regulation on this matter to date.

Right of review

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact hello@regulation.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we may publish this response (with your details removed) on the Ministry for Regulation website.

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