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Official Information Act request for a list of staff employed at tier 1 & 2 positions in December 2020

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 6 August 2021. You requested:

“Can I please have a list of all people employed by your organisation who held tier 1 or 2 positions either part of or all of the period of December 2020. This includes people acting in the capacity of a tier 1 or 2 position.”

This response includes information relevant to both the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), which is a Departmental Agency hosted by DPMC (collectively referred to as the Department).

Tier 1 employees within the Public Sector are employed by the Public Service Commission. I can confirm however, that the Department contains two Tier 1 positions, and during December 2020, these positions were filled by Brook Barrington as Chief Executive for DPMC and Carolyn Schwalger as Interim Chief Executive for NEMA.

I have decided to release the list below of Tier 2 staff working for DPMC or NEMA during December 2020. Included in this list are not only staff employed directly but also those seconded or contracted to Tier 2 positions in December 2020.

DPMC Tier 2 Staff as at December 2020:

- Cheryl Barnes – Deputy Chief Executive, COVID-19 Group (Seconded to DPMC).
- Tony Lynch – Deputy Chief Executive, National Security Group.
- Stephen McKernan – Director Health and Disability Review Transition Unit (Consultant).
- Anneliese Parkin – Deputy Chief Executive, Policy.
- Clare Ward – Executive Director, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Group and Child Wellbeing and Poverty Reduction Group.
- Michael Webster – Secretary of the Cabinet/Clerk of the Executive Council.

You can find the current DPMC Tier 2 staff listed on DPMC’s website at: dPMC.govt.nz/about-dPMC/who-we-are.

NEMA Tier 2 Staff as at December 2020:

- Alan Cassidy – Deputy Chief Executive - Strategic Enablement.
- Sarah Stuart-Black – Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Civil Defence and Emergency Management.

You can find the current NEMA Tier 2 staff listed on DPMC's website at:
<https://dpmc.govt.nz/departmental-agency/nema>

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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