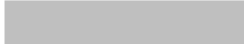


15 July 2026



Dear 

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 8 July 2026. You requested the following:

What was the size of your in-house legal team as at June 30 for 2026, 2025 and 2024?

Information being released

Inland Revenue's in-house legal team had 148.86, 155.1 and 155.7 FTE equivalents as at 30 June 2024, 2025, and 2026 respectively.

The numbers detailed above include only qualified legal practitioners across four areas within Inland Revenue: Legal Services, the Tax Counsel Office, Corporate Legal, and Policy - Legislative Drafting & Business team. A significant portion of the total FTE count is from Legal Services and the Tax Counsel Office, which provide customer-facing legal services and tax technical support for Inland Revenue.

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, may be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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