

24 July 2026

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 7 July 2026. You requested the following:

I request the following information held by your ministry/office/department as at the date this request is processed.

Information requested

Please provide:

1. *The total number of employees who are currently:*
 - *on garden leave;*
 - *on paid suspension;*
 - *on paid special leave;*
 - *on administrative leave with pay; or*
 - *on any other employer-directed paid non-working arrangement under which the employee remains employed, continues to receive remuneration (whether full or partial), and has been directed not to perform some or all of their normal duties.*
2. *For each employee included in Question 1, please provide:*
 - *the employment status or leave category recorded by the agency (for example, "garden leave", "paid suspension", "paid special leave", "administrative leave", or the equivalent internal classification);*
 - *the employee's salary band or remuneration range (for example, "\$100,000–\$109,999", "Band J", or the agency's equivalent remuneration band); and*
 - *the length of time the employee has been in that status, expressed in days, weeks, or months, whichever is most appropriate.*

Information

Inland Revenue has no employees currently on garden leave, paid suspension, administrative leave with pay or other employer-directed paid non-working arrangements.

As at 9 July 2026, Inland Revenue had two employees on paid special leave, with the following time and remuneration information:

- Employee 1: 0.5 days on leave with a remuneration band of \$100,000+
- Employee 2: 0.4 days on leave with a remuneration band of \$50,000 - \$99,999

Right of review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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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