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Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 2 February 2025, to Whaikaha – the Ministry of Disabled People (Whaikaha), requesting information about employee numbers.

I have answered each part of your request below. When looking at the figures below, please note the following:

- Staffing numbers include individuals with a status of active or on paid leave. It excludes individuals on long term leave without pay or parental leave.
- The employee types counted are permanent and fixed term. Casuals, contractors, or committee fee members are excluded from this count.
- We have provided the headcount as well as the full-time equivalent (FTE) for each part of your request. FTE measures the total amount of full-time employees working.

- **What were MODP's staffing numbers when it opened its doors on 1 July 2022;**

On 1 July 2022, Whaikaha had 154 employees (150.9 FTE).

- **What were staffing numbers on 1 July 2023, and 1 July 2024;**

Please note, this information is typically extracted on the last day of each month, rather than the first, however there should not be a material difference between these dates.

On 30 June 2023, Whaikaha had 175 employees (171.5 FTE). On 30 June 2024, Whaikaha had 258 employees (252.5 FTE).



- **What are its staffing numbers 1 February 2025.**

As of 1 February 2025, Whaikaha has 67 employees (63.7 FTE).

- **How many of that workforce were/are F/T or P/T equivalents**

Of the 67 employees, 3 are part-time and 64 are full-time.

- **How many staff transitioned to DSS MSD**

As a result of the creation of the Disability Support Services (DSS) business unit within the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), a total of 204 employees transitioned to MSD. Of this, 176 employees were moved to the DSS business group, and the remainder went to various business groups within MSD.

- **Covering the same periods how many contracts were held for one off consultants at the same time (not DSS contracted service providers).**

Please refer to Table 1 below. This information has been provided by financial year (with the exception of 2025)

Table 1: Count of contractors at the start of each financial year

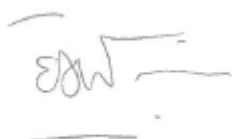
Jul-22	Jul-23	Jul-24	Feb-25
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These contracts related to cover for vacancies and short-term projects.

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If you wish to discuss this response with us, or if you are seeking any further information, please contact OIA_requests@whaikaha.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi nui



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