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Dear Phil

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 23 August 2019 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your specific questions and the NZ Transport Agency's responses are outlined below.

- 1. Pls advise what if any connection there is b/w the various audits, reviews and investigations at NZTA (including re MM but also Martin Jenkins etc) and the recent departures of Charles Ronaldson, Giles Southwell, Leigh Mitchell and Jenny Chetwynd.***

As at 23 August 2019, Charles Ronaldson, Giles Southwell and Leigh Mitchell were still employed at the Transport Agency.

Jenny Chetwynd resigned effective early August 2019 to take up another position.

There is no connection between any audits, reviews or investigations at the Transport Agency and these members of staff.

- 2. Pls advise if any of them have personal grievances or employment law processes underway (pls answer this question separately, so that any 'decline' on it does not extend to declining answers elsewhere).***

There are no personal grievances or employment law processes underway with Charles Ronaldson, Giles Southwell, Leigh Mitchell or Jenny Chetwynd.

- 3. Pls provide the latest uptodate numbers for vacancies + staff departures (resign, redundant, fired, transfer, etc), breaking it down to specific compliance and technical (eg engineering) vacancies, across NZTA.***

As at 23 August 2019, the Transport Agency had 259 vacancies under active recruitment.

Of this number, nine were technical compliance roles in Regulatory Services (such as Certification Investigator and Commercial Transport Officer) and 33 were technical roles in Transport Services (such as Senior Pavement Engineer and Senior Traffic Signal Engineer).

In August 2019, five staff members who filled compliance or technical roles left the Transport Agency. All five employees resigned.

I trust this information fulfils your request.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Manager Media, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 894 6285.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Lokum', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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