

31 May 2019

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 21 May 2019, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

1. What is the size and composition of the legal team there?
2. Where does the legal team sit in the agency's structure?
3. Does the manager or chief legal have direct access to the board and/or Director of the agency?

The legal team at New Zealand Qualifications Authority consist of three full time employees with a solicitor and a junior solicitor reporting to a chief legal advisor.

The team is part of the Strategic and Corporate Services division.

The Chief Legal Officer has direct access to the Chief Executive and access to the Board through the Chief Executive.

As part of the commitment to open and transparent government, NZQA is proactively releasing responses to Official Information Act requests which are of public interest. NZQA will be publishing its response to your request on its website in June 2019. Your name and contact details will be removed before publication.

If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact [REDACTED] in the Office of the Chief Executive, email [REDACTED]@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 [REDACTED] redacted s 9(2)(a)

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. You can also telephone 0800 802 502 or write to the Ombudsman at PO Box 10152, Wellington, 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen Poutasi'.

Karen Poutasi (Dr)
Chief Executive