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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 14 October 2025, to the Ministry of Disabled People - Whaikaha (Whaikaha), requesting the following information:

- **The total number of staff employed in communications, media, and public relations roles (including enabler roles) as of 14 October 2025.**
- **A breakdown of position titles and total salary expenditure for these roles.**

As of 14 October 2025, Whaikaha has four staff employed in communications roles. Three of these roles are permanent, and one is a fixed term position established to support two time-limited work programmes.

The Whaikaha Communications team is responsible for all internal, external and stakeholder communications requirements, including producing internal communications and maintaining the intranet, answering media queries, speech writing, managing social media channels, responding to ministerial requests, project and event communications material, and maintaining and updating the Whaikaha websites.

Please refer to Table 1 for position titles and the total salary expenditure per annum. Individual salaries are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

**Table 1: Breakdown of communications positions at Whaikaha and total salary per annum**

Role	Total salary per annum
Head of Communications	
Senior Advisor, Communications	
Advisor, Communications	
Senior Advisor, Communications (fixed term)	
	\$549,529.03

Please note, as part of its commitment towards increasing transparency, Whaikaha intends to make the information contained in this letter, and any attached documents, available to the wider public. Whaikaha will do this by publishing this letter on our website. Your personal details will be deleted, and no information that would identify you as the requestor will be released.

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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](mailto:OIA_requests@whaikaha.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi nui



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