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Here's what we got from you:

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## Official Information Act response: Sexual harassment in the workplace

This request is part of a comprehensive [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] It relies on your assistance,  
both in compliance with the Official Information Act 1982 and Local  
Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and in a  
shared commitment to public transparency around workplace  
harassment and safety.

Please reply using this secure online form: it has been designed to  
make compliance with the request safe, quick and easy.

### Notes:

- \* Sexual harassment is defined by the State Services Commission in accordance with section 108 of the Employment Relations Act 2000;
- \* Complaints or allegations may come from the person subjected to harassment, or from another party, eg the alleged perpetrator or a witness;
- \* Complaints or allegations may be made by staff, contractors or other persons associated with the organisation;
- \* A complaint or allegation may be made to the employing or contracting organisation, or to an appropriate authority, eg police or Human Rights Commission;
- \* No information naming or identifying any complainants or alleged perpetrators is required. This means sections 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act and 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, allowing for information to be declined

in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, are NOT applicable here;

\* The scope of this Official Information Act request does NOT extend to harassment or alleged harassment by clients, eg health consumers or school students.

**Email address \***

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**Name of organisation \***

Electricity Authority

**Your name and position \***

Senior Legal Counsel

**Please tick the box that best describes your organisation. \***

Government ministry / department

Crown entity

Crown-owned company / SOE

District Health Board

Local authority

Regional council

School

Tertiary institution

Other:

**How many people does your organisation employ?**

70

## Sexual harassment complaints / allegations

This section looks at the number of separate complaints of sexual harassment. There may have been more than one complaint relating to some individual persons.

**How many complaints or allegations of sexual harassment did your organisation receive in 2015 (Jan-Dec)?**

**How many complaints or allegations of sexual harassment did your organisation receive in 2016 (Jan-Dec)?**

**How many complaints or allegations of sexual harassment did your organisation receive in 2017 (Jan-Dec)?**

**How many complaints or allegations of sexual harassment has your organisation received in 2018 (Jan-April)?**

**Please tick the forums in which sexual harassment complaints or allegations have been made relating to your organisation (tick as many as applicable):**

Complaint made to your organisation as employer

To your organisation as contracting organisation

To your organisation as operator of a workplace

Employment Relations Authority / Employment Court

Human Rights Commission

Human Rights Review Tribunal

MBIE Employment Mediation Service

NZ Police

Civil litigation

Overseas authorities

None

Other:

**If you have to withhold any information requested in this section of the questionnaire, please identify which statutory grounds to decline are relied upon, and why these grounds are applicable.**

N/A

## **Complainants / alleged victims / survivors**

This section looks at the people who have been subjected to sexual harassment, or are/were alleged to have been subjected to sexual harassment. Some individual persons may have have suffered, or allegedly suffered, more than one instance of harassment.

**How many people working for your organisation, or in workplaces under your organisation's control, have complained of being subjected to sexual harassment at work, since January 2015?**

0

**How many of these people are still working for you?**

0

**How many people working for your organisation, or in workplaces under your organisation's control, have complained of being subjected to sexual harassment at work since 2015, according to gender?**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6-10 11-50 51-plus

Female

Male

Transgender man

Transgender woman

Other

**If you have to withhold any information requested in this section of the questionnaire, please identify which statutory grounds to decline are relied upon, and why these grounds are applicable.**

N/A

## **Perpetrators / persons subject of complaints**

This section looks at the people who are/were alleged to have perpetrated sexual harassment. Some individual persons may have been the subject of two or more complaints.

**How many people working for your organisation, or in workplaces under your organisation's control, have been accused of sexual harassment at work since 2015?**

0

**How many of these people are still working for you?**

0

**How many people who are or were working for you or in workplaces under your organisation's control, have been accused of sexual harassment at work since 2015, by gender?**

0   1   2   3   4   5   6-10   11-50   51-plus

Male

Female

Transgender man

Transgender woman

Other

**Please advise the numbers of people who are or were working for your organisation, or in workplaces under your organisation's control, who have been the subject of two or more complaints of sexual harassment at work.**

0

**If you have to withhold any information requested in this section of the questionnaire, please identify which statutory grounds to decline are relied upon, and why these grounds are applicable.**

N/A

## **Outcomes of complaints or allegations**

This section looks at whether, or how, the complaints or allegations were resolved. Given that there are more potential resolutions that can be enumerated here, please use the categorisations that are the best fit.

**Please advise the numbers of complaints since 2015 resolved in the following manners (tick as few or as many as necessary):**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6+

Upheld by  
your  
organisation

Rejected by  
your  
organisation

Unresolved by  
your  
organisation

Referred to  
police, who  
decided to  
take matters  
no further

Referred to  
police,  
charges laid

Referred to  
police, alleged  
offender guilty  
in court

Referred to  
police, alleged  
offender  
acquitted

Referred to  
police,  
unresolved

Referred to  
Human Rights  
Commission,  
complaint  
upheld

Referred to  
Human Rights  
Commission,  
complaint  
dismissed

Escalated to  
Employment  
Relations  
Authority /  
Employment  
Court,  
resolved in the  
complainant's  
favour

Escalated to

Employment  
Relations  
Authority /  
Employment  
Court,  
resolved in the  
respondent's  
favour

Referred to  
MBIE  
Employment  
Mediation  
Service,  
resolved in the  
complainant's  
favour

Referred to  
MBIE  
Employment  
Mediation  
Service,  
resolved in the  
respondent's  
favour

Other

**Where applicable, please describe a specific sexual harassment complaint/allegation and how your organisation handled it well.**

N/A

**Where applicable, please describe a specific sexual harassment complaint/allegation that your organisation acknowledges it handled less well.**

N/A

**Does your organisation have a sexual harassment policy?**

Yes, we have a standalone sexual harassment policy.

Yes, we have one explicitly incorporated into another policy.

No



Other:

**If you have to withhold any information requested in this section of the questionnaire, please identify which statutory grounds to decline are relied upon, and why these grounds are applicable.**

N/A

**Is there any other comment your organisation wishes to add?**