

Question 28

What workplace stress consultants has the Ministry, crown entity, government department or government agency employed in the last two years, listed by department, ministry or entity, consultant and cost?

Answer

The Ministry has not employed or hired any workplace stress consultants in the past two years.

Question 29

What has the Ministry, crown entity, government department or government agency done to alleviate workplace stress in the last two years, listed by ministry, department, or other entity, initiative and cost?

Answer

To assist staff with issues that may be impacting on their work, including workplace stress issues, the Ministry provides staff with access to four free counselling sessions through its Employee Assistance Programme (EAP). However reports received from the EAP provider in the past two years have indicated that no staff member has categorised their concerns as workplace stress.

The costs of the EAP programme in the past two years have been \$44,000 (2005/06) and \$40,956 in (2006/07).

Question 30

How many staff in the Ministry/Department were employed as communications, media or public relations staff as at 1 July 2007 and how does this compare with each of the previous five years? This information should include contractors and/or consultants.

Answer

Year	Total
1 July 2003	14
1 July 2004	16
1 July 2005	15
1 July 2006	18 (16 FTE)
As of 1 July 2007	19 (16.9 FTE)

Question 31

How many vacancies are there for communications, media or public relations staff in the Ministry/Department?

Answer

There are currently seven vacancies for communications, media or public relations staff in the Ministry.