



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Summary

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Government Response to the Māori Affairs Committee report on Te Mātāwai

Portfolio	Māori Development
Purpose	This paper seeks approval of the government's response to the Māori Affairs Committee's (the Committee) report on its Briefing on Te Mātāwai.
Previous Decisions	None.
Proposal	<p>On 30 June 2023, the Māori Affairs presented its report on its Briefing on Te Mātāwai to the House. The Report recommended that the government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase funding for Te Mātāwai and investigate ways to better support an equitable partnership between Maihi Karauna and Maihi Māori in te reo Māori revitalisation; • consider how it can best track and report on overall public sector expenditure for initiatives that support te reo Māori revitalisation. <p>The government response is attached, and concludes that the government agrees in principle to investigate ways to better support an equitable partnership between Maihi Karauna and Maihi Māori in te reo Māori revitalisation and notes that steps are already being taken to address this recommendation to ensuring better utilisation of existing infrastructure including Te Rūnanga Reo. The government agrees in principle to the second recommendation, due to its complex nature government will need to spend time examining past and existing efforts to track expenditure that support te reo Māori initiatives through the refresh of the Maihi Karaunato inform the best approach moving forward.</p>
Impact Analysis	Not applicable.
Compliance	Not applicable.
Timing Matters	The response is due to be presented to the House by 25 September 2023.
Communications	Not applicable.

Consultation Paper prepared by Te Puni Kōkiri. The Treasury, Te Arawhiti, PSC and MCH (Broadcasting and Media) were consulted. Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori Te Mātāwai were also consulted.

The Minister indicates that the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, Minister for Māori Crown Relations Te Arawhiti, Minister of Finance, Minister for Broadcasting and Media and the Minister for the Public Service were consulted.

The Minister also indicates that discussion will occur with the government caucus.

The Minister for Māori Development recommends that the Committee:

- 1 note that on 30 June 2023, the Māori Affairs Committee presented its report on Te Mātāwai to the House of Representatives;
- 2 note that the Māori Affairs Committee recommended that the government:
 - 2.1 increase funding for Te Mātāwai and investigate ways to better support an equitable partnership between the Maihi Karauna and the Maihi Māori in te reo Māori revitalisation; and
 - 2.2 consider how it can best track and report on overall public sector expenditure for initiatives that support te reo Māori revitalisation;
- 3 note the proposed response, that the government:
 - 3.1 agrees in principle to investigate ways to better support an equitable partnership between Maihi Karauna and the Maihi Māori in te reo Māori revitalisation, notes that ongoing work across Government is already aligned with this recommendation and recent increases to funding for Te Mātāwai were announced in Budget 2023;
 - 3.2 notes that further increases to funding will need to be considered through future Budget processes and decisions;
 - 3.3 agrees in principle to investigate and consider how the Government can best track and report consistently and transparently on te reo Māori revitalisation expenditure across the public sector through the refresh of the Maihi Karauna;
 - 3.4 notes there have been recent efforts, notably by Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori, to track and report on expenditure for initiatives to support and strengthen te reo Māori revitalisation efforts across the public sector;
- 4 approve the government response, attached to the paper under LEG-23-SUB-0175, to the report of the Māori Affairs Committee's briefing on Te Mātāwai;
- 5 note that the government response must be presented to the House of Representatives no later than 8 September 2023;

- 6 invite the Minister for Māori Development to present the Government response to the House of Representatives in accordance with Standing Order 256.

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