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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 3 April 2024. You asked for the following information:

*“To assist me with my research, please would you provide at your earliest convenience any reports or materials held by your organisation:*

- 1. setting out and/or summarising how and when your organisation has met, or intends to meet, the commitments to transparency and partnership set out in the Algorithm Charter for Aotearoa|New Zealand;*
- 2. setting out or explaining how decisions made by the organisation are informed by algorithms. This may include without limitation "plain English" documentation of the algorithm/s, information about the data and processes involved, or published information about how data is collected, secured, and stored;*
- 3. that demonstrate or detail how your organisation is delivering clear public benefits through Treaty of Waitangi commitments by embedding a te ao Maaori perspective in the organisation's development and use of algorithms consistent with the Treaty of Waitangi;*
- 4. that demonstrate or detail how your organisation has, or intends to, identify and consult with people, communities and groups who have an interest in algorithms, including Maaori;*
- 5. that describe how your organisation makes sure data is fit for purpose by identifying and managing bias;*
- 6. showing how privacy, ethics, and human rights are safeguarded by regular peer reviews of algorithms to assess for unintended consequences, and how the organisation acts on this information; and*
- 7. setting out the nominated point of contact for public inquiries about algorithms together with any internal policies, principles, rules, or guidelines that relate to the above matters. ”*

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Te Puni Kōkiri is a signatory to the Algorithm Charter (the Charter). As signatory, Te Puni Kōkiri is committed to transparency and accountability in the use of algorithms. Data and insights collected and used by Te Puni Kōkiri are secondary data such as Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI) drawn from Stats NZ. This data is subject to the Charter standards of Stats NZ, therefore, from an operational perspective we do not use the Algorithm Charter Risk Matrix in our publications.

We have consulted broadly across the organisation and searched our document management system to locate any documents, reports or materials that meet the descriptions provided in your request. We have concluded that we do not hold the information you requested. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA because the requested information is not held by Te Puni Kōkiri.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at [uia@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:uia@tpk.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paula Rawiri', written in a cursive style.

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Hautū, Te Puni Kaupapa Here | Deputy Secretary, Policy Partnerships