

9 May 2024

File Ref: OIA 48466

Tēnā koe 

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 11 April 2024. You asked for the following information:

*“Copies of all proposal documents prepared to give effect to the Government’s directive to reduce expenditure in the public service, including but not limited to reduction of staff numbers and resulting redundancies.
If no such specific proposal document exists, please provide copies of all documents concerning the reduction of staff and redundancies from 27 November 2023 to present.”*

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

We have interpreted your request for proposal documents to mean a document that specifically outlines reductions of staff numbers and resulting redundancies, prepared in order to give effect to the Government’s spend reduction directive.

Te Puni Kōkiri does have a proposal document prepared to give effect to the Government’s directive to reduce expenditure. The proposal document is still in the active consultation phase and kaimahi have been invited to make submissions before decisions are made.

This document has been withheld in accordance with the Act on the following grounds:

- Section 9(2)(g)(i), which applies to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.
- Section 9(2)(g)(ii), which provides the protection of members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment.

In making the decision to withhold information, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

As mentioned previously, 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 oiatpk@govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Manaia King', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Manaia King
Hautū, Te Puni Tautoko Whakahaere | Deputy Secretary, Organisational Support