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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 23 July 2024. Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your questions and our responses are set out below.

“Please provide us the following information:

- number of unemployed Māori by quarter for the past 8 years*
- split it by gender and age group*
- split it also by region.”*

This information is not held by Te Puni Kōkiri, however the information you have requested is publicly available on the [Stats NZ website](#), and is compiled as a part of the Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS) which is released quarterly. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Please note that this survey does not report on age group or by region. If you require further information, we recommend you contact Stats NZ.

- “how many Māori are on benefits for the past 8 years*
- split the benefits data by type of benefits and region.”*

This information is not held by Te Puni Kōkiri, however the information requested is publicly available on the [Ministry of Social Development’s website](#). Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

“What has the Ministry of Māori Development as an agency did to support the unemployed Māori, we prefer concrete actions if there are any.”

Te Puni Kōkiri is the principal policy advisor on Māori wellbeing and development. While we support and influence agencies on policy that will increase employment outcomes, Te Puni Kōkiri does not have responsibility for unemployment. The Ministry of Social Development is responsible for providing income support and employment services and support. Te Puni Kōkiri does fund some employment initiatives through Vote Māori Development. This information is available in our [annual report](#).

What is the direction of your agency now, under the Coalition government? How different is it under the labour government?"

Te Puni Kōkiri remains the principal policy advisor on Māori wellbeing and development. Employment remains a strategic priority for Te Puni Kōkiri, more information on this can be found in our [annual report](#).

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.

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.

Ngā mihi



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