

5 August 2024

File Ref: OIA 49089

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 9 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.

*“...I request the following information:*

- Copies of all advice, briefings, memos, feedback, or any other documents provided by Te Puni Kōkiri on the implementation of the Whānau Ora tendering process, including which ministers, if any it was provided to.”*

Four documents have been identified in scope of your request. The documents and my decisions with regard to the release of the information are set out in the table attached as Appendix A and are noted below.

These documents have been withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv) which applies to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

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

- “What departmental costs have been budgeted for to carry out the Whānau Ora tendering process?”*

Te Puni Kōkiri is still in the process of confirming its operational budgets and work programme for 2024/25. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by Te Puni Kōkiri and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another department.

- “Will external contractors be needed to carry out the Whānau Ora tendering process?”*

Te Puni Kōkiri is still in the process of confirming its operational budgets and work programme for 2024/25. Therefore, this part of your request has been refused under 18(g)

of the Act as the information requested is not held by Te Puni Kōkiri and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another department.

- *“What are the anticipated costs to prepare a tender for the Whānau Ora tendering process?”*

This information is not held by Te Puni Kōkiri and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another department. Therefore, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) 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](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



Grace Smit  
Hautū, Te Puni Rohe | Deputy Secretary, Regions

Appendix A: Documents - OIA request from [REDACTED] dated 9 July 2024

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1.	21/03/2024	Briefing Paper to the Minister for Whānau Ora: <i>Strategic Review of Whānau Ora</i>	Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
2.	29/04/2024	Briefing Paper to the Minister for Whānau Ora: <i>Update: Strategic Reset of Whānau Ora</i>	Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
3.	13/06/2024	Briefing Paper to the Minister for Whānau Ora: <i>Whānau Ora Update: Outline for Whānau Ora Cabinet Paper</i>	Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
4.	20/06/2024	Draft Cabinet Paper – Minister for Whānau Ora: <i>Whānau Ora as a Public Service Model</i>	Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv)