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Dear Lilian Harley

Thank you for your email of 22 June 2021 requesting information relating to Maori Fisheries Act Allocations. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

Please provide a list of iwi/hapu groups in New Zealand who receive an allocation of quota, shares or cash under the Maori Fisheries Act 2004 and/or the Maori Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004. Please provide details of the annual quota, shares or cash each group received in the previous 5 years.

Under the Maori Fisheries Act 2004 (the Act), the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is responsible for transferring 20 percent of quota share for any new species brought into the Quota Management System to Te Ohu Kaimoana Trustee Limited (Te Ohu).

Te Ohu is responsible for allocating and transferring these quota shares to iwi, in accordance with the distribution rules in the Maori Fisheries Act. Any changes to quota share holdings are recorded by MPI in the Quota Register. Iwi who can receive quota are noted in Schedule 3 of the Maori Fisheries Act. The proportions in which quota shares for each fish stock is required to be allocated is set out in the Act. That proportion has not changed since the Act was made.

MPI does not hold an accurate and up to date list of iwi/hapu groups in New Zealand who receive an allocation of quota, shares or cash under the Act, as such, this part of your request is declined under section 18(g) of the OIA - *that the information requested is not held by the department or venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation.*

MPI does not hold information on cash transfers to iwi, or transfer of share in iwi companies arising from Treaty Settlements. The transfer of these assets is a function of Te Ohu under the provisions of the Act. Te Ohu is a private trust company and not subject to the Official Information Act. However, the quota shares of each iwi Asset Holding Company for each fish stock are recorded as settlement quota by Fishserve and are publicly available on their website at <https://www.fishserve.co.nz/information/quota-shares>.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Judith MacDonald', written over a horizontal line.

Judith MacDonald
Acting Director Fisheries & Aquaculture Treaty Partnerships