



28 July 2021

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Dear Mr Luke

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 7 July 2021. In relation to your previous OIA request (200IA1313 <https://fyi.org.nz/request/12637-diversity-and-inclusion-advisory-group-te-manu-korihi-oia-request#comment-3619>) you requested the following:

... Can you please confirm if your response to me last year was incorrect, if yes, can you please let me know who else (member of public) was also member of that group. If no, can you please get in touch with Arthur and ask him to correct this issue on his LinkedIn page.

Also may I ask if IRD has any similar group that involved member of public?

As mentioned in the *Terms of Reference for Te Manu Korihi* (attached to the previous response) the membership for Te Manu Korihi consists of three internal members and five external members.

In the previous response we withheld the names of the members (with the exception of three; Sharon Thompson, Cath Atkins and Andy Rodger) under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Upon further review, I can confirm two external members have stated, on their LinkedIn account, that they are members of this group. Those two external members are Dr Arthur Chin and Tayo Agunlejika. The names of the other members of this group are still withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.

No public interest in releasing the withheld information has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding.

I can confirm there are no other groups similar to this internal Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group at Inland Revenue that involve members of the public.

Right of Review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz.

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erina Clayton'.

Erina Clayton
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