

17 March 2022

Brendon Mills

By email: fyi-request-18082-78824378@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H202200191

Tēnā koe Brendon,

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 3 January 2022 for information relating to Te Puia Springs Hospital. You specifically requested:

“In 1999, Te Puia Springs Hospital was transferred into iwi ownership. I would like to obtain pdf copies of all reports, advise, correspondence, press releases etc into this transactions, with a focus of why this was made.”

Please note, a significant volume of emails and documents have been identified to be potentially in scope of your request. While the Ministry has considered including all documents and correspondence, providing this response would require substantial collation or research. This is considered ‘substantial’ as it would have a significant and unreasonable impact on the Ministry and its ability to carry out critical operations. Due to the volume of material to be reviewed to determine if it is in scope, it is likely that the Ministry would consider refusing the request under section 18A. However, some documents have been able to be identified as in scope, and in line with sections 13 and 16(1) of the Act, the Ministry is providing you these documents related to the transfer of Te Puia Springs Hospital into iwi ownership. These documents are itemised in Appendix 1 and copies are enclosed and are being released to you in full.

If, after reviewing these documents, you feel your request has not been addressed, the Ministry requests that you consider refining your request to include more information about what you are looking for, which would allow us to further consider whether the request can be completed. For example, it would be helpful to further understand the reason for your request or more specific information on what you are seeking.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RS', is positioned above the typed name.

Robyn Shearer
Deputy Chief Executive
Sector Support and Infrastructure

Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	May 1999	Health Policy	Released in full.
2	September 1999	Information Booklet	Released in full.
3	November 1999	History of Ngāti Porou Hauora	Released in full.