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Tēnā koe Polly

Request for official information

Thank you for your email of 26 May 2022 to Hon Kelvin Davis requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) relating to advice on health system reforms. On 30 May 2022, you were advised that your request had been transferred to the Office for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti for response. Specifically, you requested:

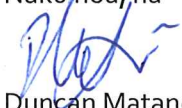
copies of any advice you, your office, or Te Arawhiti provided on the constitutional alignment of the Māori Health Authority and whether it is consistent with, or progresses Treaty of Waitangi obligations. This includes any advice to the Minister of Health, the Ministry of Health and/or the Transition team in DPMC.

Te Arawhiti provided a variety of advice on the health system reforms. However, it did not provide specific advice on the constitutional alignment of the Māori Health Authority or the question of whether the establishment of the Authority was consistent with the Crown's Treaty obligations. Accordingly, we refuse your request under section 18(e) of the Act, on the grounds that Te Arawhiti has no document containing this information.

In 2019, the Waitangi Tribunal reported on stage one of its health services and outcomes kaupapa inquiry. It made an interim recommendation that the Crown commit to exploring the concept of a stand-alone Māori primary health authority. The Waitangi Tribunal's Treaty reasoning is summarised in section 9.4 of its report, which is available online at:

https://forms.justice.govt.nz/search/Documents/WT/wt_DOC_152801817/Hauora%20W.pdf

Nāku noa, nā



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