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Tēnā koe Grace

**Your request for Official information, reference:** HNZ00025405

I refer to your email on 11 July 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. how it is determined if someone comes under the Maori Health authority or health New Zealand .*
- 2. the funding for each respective authority for every year since 2022 and budgeted in the next 5 years*
- 3. the consideration to providing the english name to health New zealand since the services it provides is not targeted at Maori*
- 4. please provide the policy for both health New zealand and the maori health authority as to their operation conduct and ownership and use of of public assets and infrastructure*
- 5. while I agree with respect to the use of trading names it has to be noted that te Whatu ora is not registerd as a trading name and as such is just simply a name derived without any legitimacy or authority and enforced on the non maori speaking majority of New Zealanders ..while I accept that Maori have their cultural rights the rest of us have those rights too and perhaps we all need to start calling on our ancesstry to identify ourselves this way we can be certain that we set up cultural bias rather than being one unified melting pot .what consideration was given to the legitimisation of the name .*
- 6 please provide documentation to show that the cultural sensitivities of non maori were ever considered and if not why not .*
- 7. As the name te Whatu Ora did not exist as a name at the time the legislation passed into law , it cannot be a traditonal name and appears to be a made up name assigned as a synonym please provide evidence of consultation to the public that Health New Zealand was intended to serve ( non maori) when deciding on an alternative to the legal name and receiving feed back as to their comprehension with regards to the name*
- 8. please provide copies of all due dilligence that has been done with regards to the implications of asiging a non legal name to a public authority with emphasis on potential for fraud by the introduction of other non defined non legal names. this particulary affects the ability of non legal epersons to own property I note that Te whatu Ora is recorded as owning property which is an impossibility due to its non legal status .*
- 9 In stating that Te whatu Ora did not exist when the law was drafted, please provide the documentation and consent which was obtained in assigning the name*

Our response to your earlier Official Information Act request (on 10 July 2023 - reference HNZ00021859) provided information on the name of our organisation and explained its meaning and origin. If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

There is publicly available information regarding budget allocations for Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora available at the following location: [Vote Health | Ministry of Health NZ](#).

Regarding the roles of the two organisations, Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand was established under the [Pae Ora \(Healthy Futures\) Act 2022](#) and leads the day-to-day running of the health system across New Zealand, with functions delivered at local, district, regional and national levels.

Te Aka Whai Ora – Māori Health Authority is an independent entity with clear accountabilities to both Māori and Ministers. It works with Te Whatu Ora to commission and plan services, commission kaupapa Māori services and monitor the performance of the system for Māori. Te Aka Whai Ora will also work with Manatū Hauora - the Ministry of Health to prepare national strategies and advise the Minister.

I trust this addresses your correspondence.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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