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Katherine Raue

By email: fyi-request-21684-dbb3e3c6@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H2023019790

Tēnā koe Katherine

Transfer of your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 31 January 2023. You requested:

"... all information regarding the "traditional maori korowai" adorning the plinth in pride of place in the atrium of Wellington hospital, including all communication, and all information regarding consultation, sourcing, and installation of this hideous monstrosity, and the large plaque placed prominently in front of the piece of pounamu on top of the plinth. Who created it? What consultation was undertaken? - please provide all information regarding the consultation, and all communication, undertaken in regard to the installation of this piece of synthetic fake fur that is referred to by Wellington Hospital as a "traditional maori korowai". How much money was spent on the sourcing and installation of this cheap nasty piece of synthetic rubbish? ... I specifically request copies of these images and any other images of the "traditional maori korowai", and information regarding what type of feathers adorn the top of it."

The requested information is held by Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand. For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to Te Whatu Ora under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You can expect a response from Te Whatu Ora in due course.

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.

Nāku noa, na



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COPY OF OIA REQUEST

From: Katherine Raue <fyi-request-21684-dbb3e3c6@requests.fyi.org.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 31 January 2023 4:52 pm

To: Info MOH <info@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Official Information request - Information regarding installation of "traditional maori korowai" in foyer of Wellington hospital

Dear Health New Zealand,

I request all information regarding the "traditional maori korowai" adorning the plinth in pride of place in the atrium of Wellington hospital, including all communication, and all information regarding consultation, sourcing, and installation of this hideous monstrosity, and the large plaque placed prominently in front of the piece of pounamu on top of the plinth.

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Other evidence of the standard of tikanga at what used to be CCDHB and is now known as Te Whatu Ora, including photographs of the 'traditional maori cloak' can be found at this link: <http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=15517&d=vcTZ47Z9v18Huv0mU4S7Uyfm9Lz8qsnqrSH48FtSAQ&u=http%3a%2f%2fhttps%2a3a%2a2f%2a2fwakaminenga%2a2eblogspot%2a2ecom%2a2f%5f%5f%3bJSUIJSUI%21%21A3teau8g8Q%21Ujnt2Tut5FIMzVmeQxmoijNehmmD4EToHOCB SHxYtky80ATHti3zsJKsdeNL-4wNU8Kirv11c2WLLxgy4RwGQpiqw%24>

Yours faithfully,

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