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Ref: H2023026131

Tēnā koe James

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your follow-up request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 29 May 2023. You requested:

*"...Does Mr Tukaki hold all of the above mentioned tertiary qualifications which are listed in the Suicide Prevention Australia Annual Financial Report 2022. A simple Yes or No is all that is required."*

While it is permissible to seek information by asking questions under the Act, a distinction must be drawn between questions which seek information that is 'held', and questions which seek to elicit an opinion or enter into a debate.

The primary purpose of the Act is to allow requesters to seek information 'held' by agencies. It is not a mechanism for requesters to seek an explanation or opinion from an agency. Rather than refuse your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act at this stage, I am again referring you to the responses you have been previously given on this matter:

- 6 March 2023: H2023019104
- 9 May 2023: H2023021713, H2023023611, H2023022483

As you have been advised on several occasions, the Ministry considers the requested information as subject to confidentiality in accordance with the Ministry's recruitment process, and privacy requirements associated with that process. There is not considered to be a countervailing public interest in the release of further information, given the information already released and having regard to the interests of preservation of personal privacy as acknowledged in the purposes of the Act.

Further, please note a repeat request for the same information that has been sought previously could potentially be regarded as frivolous or vexatious, in certain circumstances. Should you continue to ask for this information, the Ministry may use section 18(h) of the Act to decline your request in the future.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: [oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz).

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](mailto: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 Manatū Hauora website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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