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Tēnā koe James

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 28 August 2023. You asked for the following information:

“detail any Koha or donation the Ministry of Māori Development has distributed on a month by month basis from October 2020 until August 2023.

This include details such as date, description cash/type of gift etc and person or organisation that received it”.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Te Puni Kōkiri may give koha, as appropriate, to preserve Crown recognition of tikanga Māori. At Te Puni Kōkiri, koha is generally given at Marae, Tangihanga, and Pōwhiri. Te Puni Kōkiri's Koha Policy provides guidelines and principles for all kaimahi when providing koha on behalf of Te Puni Kōkiri.

Te Puni Kōkiri has spent the following in the last three financial years on koha:

Financial Year	Amount (\$)	Number of Koha
2020/21	2,742	39
2021/22	5,818	47
2022/23	7,982	45

The number of koha in the 2020/21 year was impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, in particular border restrictions which meant international visitors were limited.

The remainder of your request, where you have asked for a breakdown by month and details such as date, description cash/type etc or the person or organisation that received it, would require substantial collation. Accordingly, the remainder of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at oja@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



Grace Smit

Hautū, Te Puni Whakahaere Tikanga | Deputy Secretary, Strategy, Finance and Performance