



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

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Tēnā koe Katherine Raue

On 14 September 2023, you emailed Te Puni Kōkiri – Ministry of Māori Development (Te Puni Kōkiri) to request information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). On 5 October 2023, Te Puni Kōkiri transferred the following part of your request to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) as the agency best placed to respond:

I also request all information the Ministry holds regarding allegations of fraud and misrepresentation regarding Matthew Tukaki, and complaints made in regard to Matthew Tukaki transferring a contract with the Ministry of Social Development from the Maori Council to the National Maori Authority, as reported at this link - www.newsroom.co.nz/authority-of-government-contract-questioned.

I have determined that I can grant your request for information in part.

You will find three documents relevant to your request accompanying this letter as **Appendix 1**. Two of the documents, dated 11 May 2022, are letters of complaint from Peter Fraser, Chair of the New Zealand Māori Council (NZMC), regarding the novation of the contract for the Whakatutuki Work Ready Programme from the NZMC to Nga Ngaru – The National Māori Authority.

You will note that these letters are virtually identical, with one being addressed to the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE) and the other addressed to the Ministry.

The version of the letter addressed to MBIE was previously released on 6 September 2022 in response to an official information request to the Ministry. If you are interested, you can view that response on the Ministry's website here: www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/official-information-responses/2022/september/06092022-all-emails-held-by-the-ministry-regarding-transfer-of-the-whakatutuki-work-ready-programme-from-the-maori-council-to-the-national-maori-authority.pdf.

The third document included within the Appendix is an email thread between MBIE staff detailing how they planned to respond to the letter of complaint received from Peter Fraser.

Ministry officials met with representatives of the NZMC on 29 September 2022 to address the concerns Peter Fraser raised in his letter dated 11 May 2022.

Some information relating to your request has been withheld in accordance with section 18(c)(i) of the Act. Making the information available would be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment.

Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act as it is subject to an obligation of confidence, and if released, could prejudice the supply of similar information in the future. The greater public interest is in ensuring that such information can continue to be supplied.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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