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Tēnā koe Nick

Official Information Act request: Crown funding of Inaia Tonu Nei

Thank you for your email of 8 November 2024 to Crown Law requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding Inaia Tonu Nei funding. On 18 November 2024, part two of your request was partially transferred to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) for response. Specifically:

Clarification of any Crown funding of Inaia Tonu Nei, whether through Ministry of Justice, the Crown or Crown Entity.

In response to your request, in December 2020, the Ministry entered into a Conditional Grant Agreement to support Ināia Tonu Nei in establishing a dedicated team to contribute to initiatives across the justice sector. The agreement provided a framework for the Ministry, on behalf of the Justice Sector Leadership Board and Ināia Tonu Nei, to work collaboratively on improving justice outcomes for Māori that are overrepresented in the justice system. To date, the total funding provided to Ināia Tonu Nei was \$3.22 million, with the last allocation provided in June 2023.

The work undertaken includes a range of initiatives, including those aligned with the Ministry as well as the Justice Sector, including:

- the Justice Sector Long-Term Insights Briefing in 2021, and this information is publicly available at: [5433 \(2023\). Chris Penk to the Minister of Justice - New Zealand Parliament](#)
- examples of other work Ināia Tonu Nei have contributed to can be found on their website at: <https://www.inaiatonunei.nz/resource-documents>

During the Budget 2022 process, the Justice cluster successfully sought \$6 million in further funding (over four years) to continue supporting Ināia Tonu Nei to work with the Justice Sector Leadership Board to improve justice sector outcomes for Māori. However, none of this funding was allocated to Ināia Tonu Nei. As part of the savings initiatives, the funding was returned in full in Budget 2024. More information about this is publicly available on the Treasury website through the Budget 2022 and Budget 2024 processes. You can find the details at:

- Budget 2022 (page 17): [Treasury Report T2022/334: Budget 2022 Multilateral: Justice Cluster Ministers - 24 February 2022 - Budget 2022 Information Release](#)

- Budget 2024 (page 11): [Financial Recommendations: Budget Significant Cabinet Minute 2024 - 44 Justice - 29 April 2024 - Budget 2024 Information Release](#)

The Ministry continues to engage with Ināia Tonu Nei in various capacities, reflecting the ongoing collaboration in areas of shared interests within the Justice Sector.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxxx.xx or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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