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Tēnā koe James

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 21 November 2024. You requested:

*Number of total hours/time spent by Police/Police prosecutors/legal counsel if any on the Brian Tamaki case in which charges were recently dropped.*

*Total costs incurred if any, by Police on this case. Please provide full breakdown.*

*Cost of any outside or legal counsel sought/provided on this case, if any.*

Police does not hold information about the internal costs related to the total hours/time spent on this matter; therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held.

Police has engaged the Crown Solicitor, Meredith Connell, to represent Police in this prosecution. Meredith Connell has confirmed that the costs incurred to date are \$73,853.30 including the final invoice dated 22 November 2024. Meredith Connell has advised that there is no outstanding work in progress and no further anticipated costs.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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