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Afternoon

I'm sure you saw this article on the weekend.

<https://www.thepost.co.nz/politics/350293431/stats-nz-investigating-potential-misuse-maori-census-data>

Here is a more recent one.

[Claims Census data misuse by Manurewa Marae probed by Stats NZ | RNZ News](#)

We have had some follow up questions on any investigations etc. We will point journalists to our statement last November ([Referrals to Police | Elections](#)) which relates to lack of promoter statements on texts. We won't be saying any more than this because it is an active investigation.

One of the allegations is that Marae staff were enrolling people while they did the census and told them to go on the Māori roll. That's not an offence if it did happen.

We do not appear to have had contracts with either Waipereira Trust, nor the Whānau Ora Commissioning agency. We did contract some Whānau Ora clinics (providers not the commissioning agency) to provide information and education.

We do provide enrolment forms to parties and others wishing to promote enrolment.

Police have contacted us to understand what we are investigating and we have said nothing related is being looked at. They have had a complaint in relation to the matters in the story above.

I will let you know if anything further comes up.

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[Very early draft Terms of reference - sent to agencies 11 June for comment.docx](#)

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Kia ora koutou

Here are the draft terms of reference.

Any comments welcome before 11 am so we can get feedback to them by 12 pm.

Krisina and I will be talking to them at some stage tomorrow around lunch time.

Ngā mihi

Karl Le Quesne

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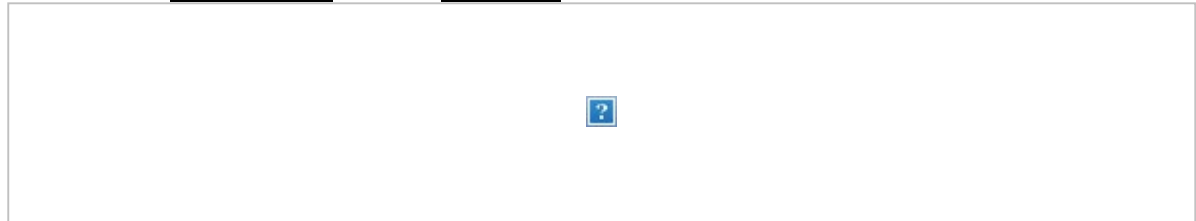
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Kia ora korua

Here are our comments, send after we met with PSC to discuss.

We also mentioned sharpening up the rationale for out of scope agencies. They are considering how to do that.

They expect the terms of reference and investigator to be announced tomorrow.

As mentioned yesterday, Kristina is meeting with Police tomorrow so we may have an update after that too.

Ngā mihi

Karl Le Quesne

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Kia ora,

As discussed, some additional comments on the draft.

Ngā mihi

Kristina Temel

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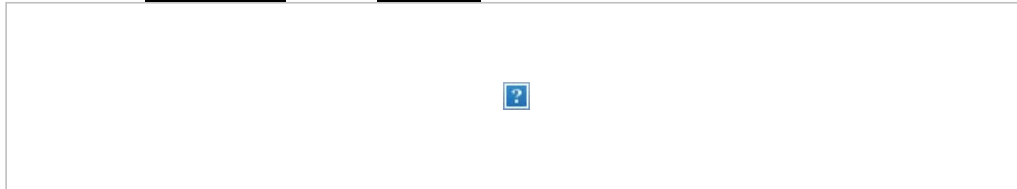
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Mōrena

The Sunday Star Times has a story this morning on agreements with the Manurewa Marae. It includes the full statement we provided to the journalist a few weeks ago (see attached). The story is also online on the Stuff newspaper websites (Post, Press and Waikato Times).

Ngā mihi

Clare

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I see in the news summary from Friday, that Chris Hipkins said (on Newstalk ZB) that if there was any suspected improper (corrupt?) behaviour by a candidate that the EC ought to investigate that, and if so refer it to Police.

Can we cover that off pls at some point - I guess there aren't a lot of retrospective options for us but it is a troubling point.

We presumably wait to see what emerges from the various enquiries and then decide what to do - if there is anything we can do under our mandate.



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[Te Pāti Māori, Manurewa data allegations lack mana and credibility - Waatea News: Māori Radio Station](#)

[Allegations of Te Pāti Māori election day bribery at Manurewa lack substance - Waatea News: Māori Radio Station](#)

[Destiny Church behind allegations against Te Pāti Māori and Manurewa Marae - Waatea News: Māori Radio Station](#)

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Hi

I asked stats NZ to address an error in the terms of reference. Attached is an update.

See paragraphs 7 & 8, which in the previous version implied we had made a referral to Police about incentives to switch rolls. That was not correct. We only referred regarding the lack of a promoter statement, and were not aware of incentives to switch rolls at that stage (which is not an offence in the Electoral Act).

The version attached, and updated on their website, does not refer to the Electoral Commission in paragraphs 7 & 8.

Our website and statements we have made are clear that it was a lack of a promoter statement that was referred.

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