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Tēnā koe Haze

Official Information Act 1982 Requests

I am replying to your Official Information Act request to Te Puni Kōkiri of 29 August 2016 together with your 26 August 2016 Official Information Act request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. As you are aware, the latter request was transferred to the Minister for Whānau Ora by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. This response covers both of your requests.

You have requested copies of the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“All Social Policy Cabinet Committee papers which are concerned with Whānau Ora from the time period 2010-2015

Any Cabinet papers regarding Whānau Ora and the government’s Whānau Ora policy approach between the years 2010-2015

Any departmental Ministerial briefing papers and policy papers in regards to the establishment of the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies for the time period 2010 to 2015.”

On 9 September 2016 you refined your requests to cover documents relating to the period 2010 to 2014.

Having considered your requests, I have decided to refuse these under section 18(f) of the Act on the grounds that responding to these would require substantial collation and research in each case due to the significant amount of information held by Te Puni Kōkiri within the scope of these requests. Considering your requests together, Te Puni Kōkiri holds in excess of 100 documents within the scope of these requests.

In making my decision to refuse your request under section 18(f), I have taken into consideration whether fixing a charge for collating the documents or extending the time period for response would remove the reason for refusal. I consider that these steps would not remove the reason for refusal because of the need to dedicate a significant amount of resources to respond to your request, which would impact negatively on our day-to-day operations.

This reason for refusal aligns with the Ombudsman’s guidance which specifies “the effect on other operations of the diversion of resources to meet the request” as a factor in



assessing whether responding to a request would involve substantial collation and research.

I would however like to direct you to the following publicly available documents relating to the implementation of the Whānau Ora commissioning approach and the establishment of the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies that may be of interest to you:

- Information relating to the Request for Proposals process for appointing Commissioning Agencies: www.tpk.govt.nz/en/mo-te-puni-kokiri/our-stories-and-media/request-for-proposals-rfp--whanau-ora-commissioning-agencies
- The *Whānau Ora Achievements Report*, which includes information summarising the establishment of Commissioning Agencies as part of a summary of progress made under Whānau Ora: www.tpk.govt.nz/en/a-matou-mohiotanga/whanau-ora/whanau-ora-achievements-report
- *Understanding whānau-centred approaches: Analysis of Phase One Whānau Ora research and monitoring results*: www.tpk.govt.nz/en/a-matou-mohiotanga/whanau-ora/understanding-whanaucentred-approaches-analysis-of
- The Te Puni Kōkiri Annual Report for 2014/15, which includes a description of the establishment of the Commissioning Agencies: www.tpk.govt.nz/en/a-matou-mohiotanga/corporate-documents/
- Progress update documents regarding Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies: www.tpk.govt.nz/en/whakamahia/whanau-ora/commissioning/

I trust you will find this information useful.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

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