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Talor Wikohika
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Dear Talor Wikohika

I refer to your email of 31 March 2017 requesting updated information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) about the Taonga classified as Te Tiki o Tamamutu, specifically:

- *all current information about the Taonga be sent to me*
- *Any forms of applications be sent to me to have this movement overseas stalled or cancelled that you have available*

I can advise that the Ministry currently holds no further information regarding Te Tiki o Tamamutu beyond that which was provided to you on 18 February 2014 in response to your earlier request for information on this subject.

Under the Protected Objects Act 1975 (the Act), the wharenui and/or the individual carvings of Te Tiki o Tamamutu would need to be examined and issued a national registration number (Y number) as taonga tūturu before they could be sold within New Zealand. I can advise the carvings of Te Tiki o Tamamutu have not been registered with the Ministry under the Act as would be required for their sale.

As I understand was discussed when you met with Heritage Operations staff at the Ministry in 2012, permission would be required from the Chief Executive of the Ministry under the Act before Te Tiki o Tamamutu could be exported from New Zealand either temporarily or permanently. To date, the Ministry has not received an application for export permission for Te Tiki o Tamamutu.

There is no form of application available for a third party to oppose an application for export permission. However, should the Ministry receive an export application for Te Tiki o Tamamutu, the cultural significance of the wharenui and its individual carvings would be carefully considered as part of the decision making process under the Act. That process would include the Ministry formally seeking the views of Ngāti Tūwharetoa on the proposed export.

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.

Yours sincerely



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