



Te Kawa Mataaho
Public Service Commission

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Official Information Act Transfer
Our ref: OIA 2024-0101

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 22 April 2024 where you asked:

“Could you please tell me:

- 1) *What percentage of their Blood Donors are Maori, Pakeha and Pacific Islander, Indian and Chinese*
- 2) *What percentage of the donated blood receivers are Maori, Pakeha and Pacific Islander, Indian and Chinese?*
- 3) *What percentage of their staff is maori?*
- 4) *My maori friends/acquaintances tell me that their tikanga prohibits blood and organ donations by maori. By canvassing for blood donors among the entire NZ population, including the approx. 15% maori, is NZ Blood violating Treaty Obligations? Also, what steps do NZ Blood take to ensure that a karakia is performed every time a maori donates anything.”*

We have transferred your request to the New Zealand Blood Service, as the information to which your request relates is not held by us but is believed to be held by the New Zealand Blood Service. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 to transfer your request.

You will hear further from the New Zealand Blood Service concerning your request.

Yours sincerely

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