



# Te Kawa Mataaho

## Public Service Commission

16 October 2024

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### Official Information Request

**Our Ref: OIA 2024-0260**

I refer to your official information request received on 24 September 2024 where you asked:

- *All financial documents showing the allocation and expenditure of funds related to Māori and mana whenua partnerships in the fiscal year 2022/2023.*
- *A breakdown of the \$3.87 million spent, with specific details on the projects, programmes, and initiatives it funded.*
- *Documents outlining the decision-making process for funding allocations, including any internal communications or reports.*
- *Any reports, memos, or meeting minutes discussing the progress of Māori initiatives and partnership programmes during this period.*
- *Information on external consultants hired as part of these initiatives, including their roles and the fees paid.*

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) emailed you on 30 September 2024 and 9 October 2024, seeking clarification in respect of your Official Information Act request. We advised we were unsure what you were referring to when you reference ‘the \$3.87 million spend’ and asked you to provide more context as to the matters you were referencing, in order for us to determine whether we were the appropriate agency to respond to your request or whether your request should be transferred to another agency for response.

We did not receive any response to our emails and without further context as to the matters you are referencing, we are unable to identify the appropriate agency for your request and will be responding to your request, based on information held by the Commission.

### Our Response

We are refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act on the grounds the information requested is not held by the Commission.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz).

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.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Dirks', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nicky Dirks

**Manager – Ministerial and Executive Services**  
**Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service**