



13 October 2022

Tēnā koe

On 21 August 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1) *How much funding has the Taumata Kōrero collective received from the Ministry of Social Development since its inception*
- 2) *In regards to question 1, please also advise a breakdown as to what purpose/service money paid to Taumata Kōrero Collective has received from the Ministry*
- 3) *In regards to question 1 – please advise as to what area(s) of funding budget Taumata Korero have received money from the Ministry*
- 4) *In regards to question 1, please also advise the dates as to when money from the Ministry was paid to Taumata Korero collective*
- 5) *Please advise what regions and areas the Taumata Korero Collective serve and delivery Ministry contracted services*
- 6) *What process and probity, if any, was undertaken to engage the services of Taumata Korero by the Ministry. Please advise when this occurred and how. Please also provide any emails and/or Minutes of meetings, regarding this specific purpose between staff in your National & Regional offices and Taumata Korero.*
- 7) *What reporting standards and accountability for money given to the Taumata Korero by the Ministry is applied and required*
- 8) *How does the Ministry ensure the Taumata Korero collective and its members deliver and achieve against objectives for funding given*

- 9) *Please advise as to whether officials from other Government ministries have been involved in hui or korero with Taumata Korero in collective discussions with your Ministry*
- 10) *You advise your Ministry has been drafting Minutes of all hui with Taumata Korero since October 2021 – please provide a copy of all those Minutes*
- 11) *Regarding question 2, Under section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the Act you have declined to name the members of Taumata Korero, yet advise me to contact members of the Taumata Korero for clarification – please advise contact details for at least the Lead Member or Chairperson of this organisation.*
- 12) *Whanau Ora Commissioning Agency - Please also supply the two aide memoires referred as attached however not supplied in your documentation supplied, namely:
REP/22/2/052 - Aide-memoire: COVID-19 Response: Supporting Māori Whānau And Community Responses to Omicron [oral item], dated 7 February 2022.
REP/22/2/095 - Aide-memoire: Revised Care in the Community – Welfare Response to Omicron, dated 16 February 2022.*

On 13 September 2022, in accordance with section 15(1) and 15A of the Act, your request was extended to 14 October 2022. The reason for the extension was that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request were such that a proper response to the request could not reasonably be made within the original time limit.

This request is a follow up to the Ministry's response of 28 July 2022 to your previous request of 7 June 2022 for information regarding Taumata Kōrero and Whānau Ora.

For the sake of clarity, I will address each of your new requests in turn.

- 1) *How much funding has the Taumata Kōrero collective received from the Ministry of Social Development since its inception*
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- 4) *In regards to question 1, please also advise the dates as to when money from the Ministry was paid to Taumata Kōrero collective*

Please see the Appendix at the end of this response containing a table showing funding type and purpose to answer Questions One to Four. Note that the Table contains the total amounts of funding the Ministry has provided to the Taumata Kōrero Collective.

5) Please advise what regions and areas the Taumata Kōrero Collective serve and delivery Ministry contracted services

The Taumata Kōrero Collective is a collective of Iwi, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and government agencies covering the Tāmaki Makaurau region.

6) What process and probity, if any, was undertaken to engage the services of Taumata Korero by the Ministry. Please advise when this occurred and how. Please also provide any emails and/or Minutes of meetings, regarding this specific purpose between staff in your National & Regional offices and Taumata Korero.

The Ministry's reply of 28 July 2022 addressed this question in response to Question 2 of your request of 7 June 2022.

7) What reporting standards and accountability for money given to the Taumata Korero by the Ministry is applied and required

8) How does the Ministry ensure the Taumata Korero collective and its members deliver and achieve against objectives for funding given

The Ministry's reply of 28 July 2022 addressed these questions in its response to Questions 4-7 and 8-10 of your request of 7 June 2022.

9) Please advise as to whether officials from other Government ministries have been involved in hui or korero with Taumata Korero in collective discussions with your Ministry

I am unable to provide you with this information as it is held in notes on individual case files. In order to provide you with this information, Ministry staff would have to manually review a substantial number of files. As such, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

10) *You advise your Ministry has been drafting Minutes of all hui with Taumata Korero since October 2021 – please provide a copy of all those Minutes*

The Ministry has attended hui organised by the Taumata Kōrero Collective in the role as a trusted partner agency. As the hui are not organised by the Ministry, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you requested is not held by the Ministry.

11) *Regarding question 2, Under section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the Act you have declined to name the members of Taumata Korero, yet advise me to contact members of the Taumata Korero for clarification – please advise contact details for at least the Lead Member or Chairperson of this organisation.*

The Ministry's key contact and signatory for funding at the Taumata Kōrero Collective is Hurimoana Dennis. Mr Dennis's email is huridennis@outlook.com.

12) *Whanau Ora Commissioning Agency - Please also supply the two aide memoires referred as attached however not supplied in your documentation supplied, namely:*

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Please find attached the two Aide-memoires that were inadvertently omitted from our 28 July 2022 response to you. I apologise for this omission.

You will note that information in the Aides-memoire regarding some individuals are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding funding provided by the Ministry to the Taumata Kōrero collective, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Edwards'.

Marama Edwards
Deputy Chief Executive
Māori, Communities and Partnerships

Appendix: table showing Ministry funding paid to the Taumata Kōrero Collective, by amount, funding type, purpose and payment date.

Amount	Funding Type	Purpose	Payment Date
\$550,000.00	Delta - Food Support	Food support to whanau in self-isolation	17/09/2021
\$150,000.00	Delta Community Fund -	Non-food essential items for whanau in self-isolation	17/09/2021
\$300,000.00	Delta Community Fund -	Non-food essential items for whanau in self-isolation	17/09/2021
\$360,000.00	Delta - Food Support	Food support to whanau in self-isolation	18/10/2021
\$360,000.00	Delta - Food Support	Food support to whanau in self-isolation	1/11/2021
\$360,000.00	Delta - Food Support	Food support to whanau in self-isolation	16/11/2021
\$180,000.00	Delta - Food Support	Food support to whanau in self-isolation	1/12/2021
\$1,440,000.00	Delta - Food Support	Food support to whanau in self-isolation	21/12/2021
\$1,800,000.00	Protection Framework Food Support COVID 19	For Nga Hiahia Kai	24/03/2022
\$1,800,000.00	Protection Framework Food Support COVID 19	For Nga Hiahia Kai	01/08/2022