



20 September 2023

File Ref: OIA 47699

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Tēnā koe [Redacted]

### Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 23 August 2023. You asked for the following information:

*"Thank you for submitting the list of current Maori Wardens to me.*

*Unfortunately, it appears that there are three names that could be missing from the list, and I need to clarify and seek further information under the Official Information Act 1982.*

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*All three have claimed to be a Maori Warden over the past few years and I have no reason to suspect that they haven't been at some point in time.*

*Please can you advise if there are current warrants issued pursuant to the MCDA for these three people, the area in which they were issued for, and date of expiry. If there are no current warrants, please can you advise the dates the warrants expired and the area for which they were permitted to operate."*

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The warrants for the individuals in your request expired in 2021. They were permitted to operate in the Tāmaki and Tāmaki ki te Tonga areas.

When considering how to respond to an OIA request we consider whether there are any "good reasons" for withholding the information sought that outweigh the public interest in disclosure. Guidance from the Office of the Ombudsman states that, to help identify the public interest considerations favouring disclosure, agencies should consider the purpose of the request and the nature and content of the request. In this case our decision is that the public interest outweighs the grounds to withhold this information.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at [oiatpki@govt.nz](mailto:oiatpki@govt.nz).

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grace Smit', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Grace Smit  
Hautū , Te Puni Rangapū ā-Rohe me Whakahaere | Deputy Secretary, Regional  
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