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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 14 November 2023. You asked for the following information:

"I request the following:

Any information including reports or cabinet papers since 2017 relating to the operation of the Maori Reserved Land Act 1955 and in particular the impact of the 1997 and 1998 amendments to the Act to bring the terms of the leases held under the legislation to more commercial terms.

Any reports - including any advice to TPK Ministers - on the development and implementation of the new online portal, Pātaka Whenua, for Te Kooti Whenua Māori."

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

On 8 December 2023, we notified you that the following part of your request had been transferred to the Ministry of Justice in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as the information requested is more closely connected to the functions of the Ministry of Justice.

Any reports [...] on the development and implementation of the new online portal, Pātaka Whenua, for Te Kooti Whenua Māori.

In regard to the remainder of your request, we have conducted a thorough search of our records and no information has been found in scope. Therefore, we are refusing the remainder of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

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 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 oia@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi, nā

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