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Tēnā koe 

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 10 August 2023. You asked for the following information:

“A list of all events the ministry has held or had some responsibility for hosting that cost in excess of \$10,000 over the past year? Can the total cost for each of these events please be provided, along with a breakdown of what contributed to the costs? It would be helpful to also know the business purpose or justification for each event as well”.

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

We have interpreted “events” to mean annual or one-off events and conferences that occurred in the last financial year from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 that were either hosted or co-hosted by Te Puni Kōkiri. These exclude internal business as usual activities such as kaimahi training courses, planning days or courses which is publicly available information (refer below).

A list of events that falls within the interpretation above is provided in Appendix A.

Te Puni Kōkiri does not report information on costs as requested which would require substantial manual collation to do so. This part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act.

However, we appreciate that there is public interest in how much agencies invest in the areas you have enquired about, and we have included an approximate total cost to Te Puni Kōkiri for the events listed in Appendix A.

We also advise that Te Puni Kōkiri is required to report annually our spend on internal conferences and seminars, staff retreats, offsite training, or planning and teambuilding exercises, including travel costs to the Māori Affairs Select Committee. This information is publicly available on the Parliament NZ website at the following links:

- 2021/22 Annual review of Te Puni Kōkiri – Ministry of Māori Development – Q101, page 50 refers:
www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/53SCMA_EVI_130136_MA14392/te-puni-k%C5%8Dkiri-responses-to-written-questions-1-145
- 2023/24 Estimates Examination: Vote Māori Development – Q137, page 69 refers:
www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/53SCMA_EVI_f52fc806-3ade-4095-da53-08db57de42b0_MA14716/minister-for-m%C4%81%C5%8Dri-development-responses-to-written-questions#RelatedAnchor

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, please feel free to contact us at uia@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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Appendix A: Events over \$10,000 – 2022/23 Financial Year

Date	Event	Description/Purpose	*Approximate cost ('000s)
20 – 28 August 2022	Canadian Government Ministers and officials and representatives from Canadian Indigenous Communities Delegation	Te Puni Kōkiri hosted a hui for the visiting Canadian delegation, where the Minister and Associate Minister for Māori Development, Māori entities and service providers and community representatives came together to acknowledge and celebrate the signing of the Canada – Aotearoa New Zealand Indigenous Collaboration Arrangement	\$17
9 – 10 November 2022	National Wānanga - Paiheretia te Muka Tāngata	Paiheretia te Muka Tāngata – Uniting the Threads of Whānau is a whānau ora kaupapa to improve outcomes for whānau involved in the Corrections system and is part of the Te Ara Poutama Māori Pathway initiative responding to the disproportionate over-representation of Māori. Te Puni Kōkiri hosted the national wānanga as part of our commitment to supporting and advocating whānau centred approaches. The event was attended by Māori service providers from across the North Island that deliver the Paiheretia programme, Ngāti Kahungunu iwi, as well as kaimahi from Corrections, Te Puni Kōkiri and Ministry of Social Development. The two-day wānanga provided an opportunity to build and enhance relationships, share tools, resources and best practices with attendees.	\$103
16 November 2022	Bestowal of the korowai of Tā Wira Gardiner, inaugural Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri	Te Puni Kōkiri hosted an event for Tā Wira's whānau where they gifted his korowai to Te Puni Kōkiri. The event occurred after a large national memorial service for Tā Wira, held at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. Guests, including a number of government Ministers and significant figures in Maoridom, who had attended the memorial service were invited to attend the korowai ceremony. The ceremony concluded with refreshments for all guests.	\$13

20 – 26 February 2023	Te Matatini - 2023 National Kapa Haka festival	Te Puni Kōkiri has a close and longstanding relationship with Te Matatini, a significant cultural festival and the pinnacle event for Māori performing arts. The festival is attended by large numbers of predominately Māori audiences. As part of our commitment to supporting this significant cultural event and engaging with whānau Māori, we rostered 14 kaimahi (from across the motu) on to work at the event, providing information, guidance, and support about Te Puni Kōkiri to festival attendees.	\$59
23 March 2023	Ministerial Announcement - Progressive Procurement	Announcement by Minister for Māori Development on outcome of review of progressive procurement policy settings and celebration of Pakihi Māori.	\$13
19 - 26 May 2023	Māori Ministers Post-Budget 23 Roadshow event	Māori Ministers, supported by Te Puni Kōkiri staff, visited a range of regions across the country hosting a series of post-Budget related events as part of a roadshow. Te Puni Kōkiri facilitated the event. It included over ten different events and activities, spanning a range of different kaupapa and involving different government agencies, occurring over six days in seven different locations. The roadshow engaged with almost 2000 different partners and stakeholders over the course of the event.	\$53
FY22/23	TOTAL		\$258

*Figures provided are an approximation of total costs to Te Puni Kōkiri provided only for the purpose of responding to this Official Information Act request.