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Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 22 November 2023. Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your questions and our responses are as follows:

1. *“What was the department's Taxi expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year?”*

The 2022/23 Te Puni Kōkiri taxi expenditure will be released in the 2022/23 Annual review. However, information for 2021/22 can be found via the link below (Question 96).

https://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

Your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

2. *What was the department's expenditure on ridesharing apps (such as Uber, Ola, Zoomy, YourRide etc) for the 2022/23 financial year?*
 - a. *If the agency does not separate out taxi expenditure from other ride sharing expenditure, please indicate whether ridesharing or taxi use is the default/most common when such a service is needed and provide and a rough estimate of the proportion of trips that are taken via ridesharing vs taxi.*

Te Puni Kōkiri does not separately collect expenditure on ridesharing apps. Taxi use is more common than ridesharing use but we cannot provide an estimate of the proportion of trips taken via ridesharing vs taxi. Separating out this information would involve a detailed review of the ledger including a full list of ridesharing apps as taxi and ridesharing expenses are not split out from other domestic travel costs. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation.

3. *What was the department's expenditure on public transport (busses, trains, ferries, etc) for the 2022/23 financial year?*

Te Puni Kōkiri does not separately collect expenditure on public transport. Separating out this information would involve a detailed review of the ledger as public transport expenses are not split out from other domestic travel costs. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation.

4. *What was the department's other road travel expenditure (running costs of vehicles owned by your agencies, hire cars etc but excluding flights) for the 2022/23 financial year?*

Motor vehicle expense for fleet including petrol/diesel, registration, tracking, maintenance and tolls for 2022/23 was \$287,422. This does not include any cost for hire cars which is not separately collected.

5. *Does the department have internal policies banning their staff or advising them against using ride-sharing apps for work travel? If so, what are these policies?*

Te Puni Kōkiri does not have any policies relating to the use of ride sharing apps. As we hold no information in scope of your request, your request is refused in full under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

6. *Does the department have any concerns about their staff using ride-sharing apps for work travel?*

Te Puni Kōkiri does not have concerns about staff using ride sharing apps for work travel.

7. *If the department does not currently use ridesharing, please indicate why not? Similarly, if the department does not use ridesharing as the default over taxis, please indicate why not.*

Te Puni Kōkiri does not have any policies relating to the use of ride sharing apps. As we also hold no information in scope of your request, your request is refused in full under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

8. *Has the department purchased any vehicles over the 2022/2023 financial year? If so, how many were electric, diesel and petrol and what was the cost of these purchases broken down by vehicle type (electric, diesel, petrol)?*

Te Puni Kōkiri did not purchase any motor vehicles during the 2022/23 financial year.

9. *What is the running cost of all the department's vehicles?*

Motor vehicle running costs for 2022/23 were \$287,422.

10. Please provide an estimate on the number of kilometers traveled by staff via land transport in the 2022/23 financial year”.

Te Puni Kōkiri uses tracking on its motor vehicle fleet. The total distance travelled by the fleet in 2022/23 was 836,901 kilometres.

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, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at uia@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terina Cowan', with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Terina Cowan
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