

20 September 2024

File Ref: OIA 49572

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 9 September 2024. You asked for the following information:

- “1. What directives/instructions (verbal or written) have Ministers given your department on how to prepare advice and policy options, since December 2023.*
- 2. When was that directive given and by which Minister?”*

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

We have interpreted your request to mean directives and instructions from Hon Tama Potaka in his capacity as Minister for Māori Development and Minister for Whānau Ora to the Secretary of Te Puni Kōkiri who holds responsibility for the relationship with the Minister on behalf of Te Puni Kōkiri.

The Secretary regularly meets with the Minister and occasionally receives written communication from the Minister in relation to the Minister’s portfolios. These are generally of a free and frank nature and may be on items that are under active consideration.

My decision on these interactions between the Secretary and the Minister is that they are not directives or instructions from the Minister on how to prepare advice and policy options, so are deemed out of scope of this request. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

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 [oiia@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:oiia@tpk.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Manaia King', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Manaia King  
Hautū, Te Puni Rangatōpū | Deputy Secretary, Corporate