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**Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your information request dated 13 August 2018. You asked for the following information:

- "1) the number of staff whose main role functions was to develop policy analysis and advice in 2017/18 financial year*
- 2) the number of staff in question 1) above who attended external training or development courses in 2017/18*
- 3) an estimate of the amount spent on external training and development courses for the staff in question 1) above in 2017/18"*
- 4) an estimate of the number of days that staff in questions 1) spent in external training or development courses in 2017/18.*

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

In response to question 1) in 2017/18 our Policy Partnership Te Puni (the group in Te Puni Kōkiri whose main function is to develop policy analysis and advice) had an establishment of 71 FTEs in which there are 42 policy roles (this includes management but excludes administrators, business support and those who operationalise the Māori Warden Project).

We are unable to answer questions 2 or 4, as many of the training/development sessions provided by an external provider had multiple attendees and we have not recorded who attended each session, or the number of day's staff spent in training/development sessions. We also do not record the number of staff who attend external training/development courses or the number of days they attend. Therefore these parts of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

In 2017/18 we spent an estimated \$179,235 on the external provision of training and development for our Policy Partnerships Te Puni. This does not include the cost of staff attending Te Reo lessons.

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 Tia Choi, Senior Ministerials Advisor, Ministerials and Business Support via [choit@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:choit@tpk.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi



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