

7 October 2024

File Ref: OIA 49595

Tēnā koe 

### Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 7 September 2024. You asked for the following information:

*“Would you kindly advise the total cost to the taxpayer for the recent funeral of the Maori King?”*

Your request was originally made to Hon Tama Potaka. On 11 September 2024, the Ministers Office transferred your request to Te Puni Kōkiri for a response.

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

Te Puni Kōkiri does not hold information on the total cost to the taxpayer in respect of the tangi for Kīngi Tūheitia. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by Te Puni Kōkiri, and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by, or more closely connected with the functions of another department.

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.

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](mailto:uia@tpk.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi



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