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Tēnā koe 

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 4 March 2025. You asked for the following information:

“On 21 November 2024 in response to a supplementary question of Oral Parliamentary Question 12 about the Government’s response to the Royal Commission’s Report into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-Based Institutions, Lead Coordination Minister Stanford stated “I’ve asked all of the relevant Ministers to write to me with the relevant recommendations that pertain to their portfolios and have asked them to ensure that their work programme reflects those recommendations”.

As you hold the portfolios of Māori Development, Whānau Ora and Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, which are represented on the Ministerial Group overseeing the Crown Response, I write under the Official Information Act to request that you please supply me with the correspondence pertinent to these portfolios and Minister Stanford’s request.

I also request you supply information about how your work programme reflects the Royal Commission recommendations that pertain to these portfolios”.

Your request was originally made on 4 March 2025 to the office of Hon Tama Potaka. On 17 March 2025, the following part of your request was transferred to Te Puni Kōkiri for response:

‘I also request you supply information about how your work programme reflects the Royal Commission recommendations that pertain to these portfolios’.

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

All advice provided to the Crown Response Office (CRO) from Te Puni Kōkiri in response to the Royal Inquiry in Abuse in State Care will be proactively released which you can review here <https://abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/information-releases/>. Therefore,

advice provided to the CRO from Te Puni Kōkiri is refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information will soon be publicly available.

However, the below table outlines our response and provides explanations on how our work programme reflects the Royal Commission recommendations.

Scope of request	Relevant recommendation	Te Puni Kōkiri work programme that reflects the recommendations
Recommendation 114	<p>The government should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. accelerate and prioritise current policy and legislative work to enable children, young people and adults in care and their whānau to more effectively participate in decisions that affect them, and to bring the strength of communities into decision-making b. review legislation, policy, investments, operational practice and guidelines related to the care of children, young people, and adults in care to identify opportunities to enable children, young people and adults in care and their whānau to more effectively participate in decisions that affect them, and to bring the strength of communities into decision-making. 	<p>In addition to the delivery and strengthening of Whānau Ora, Te Puni Kōkiri applies strategic influence through our cross-agency networks and provision of secondary advice, where we advocate for co-investment in whānau-centred initiatives such as Whānau Ora, as effective ways to achieve the government targets.</p>
Recommendation 115	<p>The government should prioritise and invest in work to support contemporary approaches to the delivery of care and support, including devolution, social investment, whānau-centred and community-led approaches, such as Enabling Good Lives and Whānau Ora, and avoid the State-led models that contributed to historical abuse and neglect in care.</p>	<p>The Whānau Ora work programme supports recommendation 115, including recommendations associated with de-institutionalisation and the provision of care that respond to the needs and vulnerabilities of those in care, and protects and enhances the mana and mauri of Māori in care. It includes the recommendation to devolve care to communities.</p> <p>Whānau Ora puts whānau and families in control of services and supports the need to build on their strengths and achieve their aspirations. Whānau Ora uses a kaupapa Māori approach to improve the wellbeing of whānau as a group, addressing individual needs within the context of whānau or families and their culture.</p> <p>Te Puni Kōkiri administers the Whānau Ora initiative as a devolved model of commissioning through</p>

		<p>Outcomes Agreements with commissioning agencies. Commissioning agencies contract local providers to deliver whānau-centred initiatives.</p> <p>Te Puni Kōkiri is currently undertaking a procurement process to strengthen the existing foundations and support the shift of Whānau Ora into a widespread public service delivery model. This process is focussed on implementing five key shifts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greater service reach across Aotearoa particularly to populations most in need; 2. Strengthened evidence base; 3. Data-driven investment planning; 4. Improved frontline workforce development and retention; and 5. Strengthened risk management processes.
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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 oia@tpk.govt.nz.

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