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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 30 May 2025. You asked for the following information:

“Can you please provide me with details of the steps that the Coalition government has taken or proposes to take in relation to implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples?”

Can you please also provide me with copies of any media statements by Ministers or government officials under the present government regarding this matter as well as cabinet minutes”.

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

With regards to steps taken by the Government since taking office on 27 November 2023 to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration), Te Puni Kōkiri understands that it is not a Government priority and it is not on the work programme of Te Puni Kōkiri.

Te Puni Kōkiri is not aware of any media statement by Ministers or officials, or Cabinet minutes regarding the implementation of the Declaration and therefore refuses your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information 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 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 uia@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi,

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