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File Ref: OIA 50553

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 30 Mahuru 2025. You sought the following:

"I would like to OIA the commissioning process for distribution of funding in the regions - it appears your organisation is out of touch with funding going to pacific organisations that lack the majority and are surface level and look like they're doing things but in essence are not. When did the tender go up? how did you assess the organisations ability to deliver, the panel members, their qualifications and expertise in particular those organisations that are more recently established in less than 5 years in comparison to those that have been doing this work a long time? You may be new and know Auckland but you definitely do not know outside of Auckland. Just because majority of pacific populations are in Auckland, do not dilute or deprioritise how distribution is allocated to whoever has current govt contracts."

We note that your request was also sent to Tātou Collective, however, as Tātou Collective is not subject to the Official Information Act 1982 (**Act**) your request has been referred to Te Puni Kōkiri for response. Your request has been considered under the Act.

After careful consideration, I am refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by Te Puni Kōkiri and we have no reason to believe it is held by any other agency subject to the Act. This is because the devolved nature of the Whānau Ora commissioning model means that the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies have direct oversight of contracts with their providers, not government agencies. As such, Te Puni Kōkiri has not been involved in the procurement or commissioning of funding contracts by Tātou Collective.

I note that the correspondence from Tātou Collective notifying that your request had been referred to Te Puni Kōkiri offered you the opportunity to meet with their team to discuss their procurement process. I encourage you to take up this offer.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Sutton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven Sutton
Hautū, Te Puni Tapatahi | Deputy Secretary, Governance