



24 JUN 2020

Tēnā koe

**Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your information request dated 7 May 2020 as follows:

- 1. All written correspondence to and from the Minister for Māori Development where the subject line includes both: "Māori" and "covid-19" for the period of 23 February - 16 April.*
- 2. All written correspondence between Te Puni Kōkiri staff and government Ministers, officials, marae, Māori urban authorities and/or Māori health providers where the subject line includes: "Māori" and "covid-19".*
- 3. A breakdown of where the \$56 in funding announced on 22 March has been spent, including a list of all the organisations this money was given to, and how much they were given each.*

This request was a clarification of the scope of earlier requests made to the Minister of Māori Development and Te Puni Kōkiri.

On 20 May 2020 Te Puni Kōkiri notified you of an extension on the timeframe for the response, to 25 June 2020, and on 16 June 2020 I provided a partial response, to part (3) of your request.

This letter responds to parts (1) and (2) of your request:

- 1. All written correspondence to and from the Minister for Māori Development where the subject line includes both: "Māori" and "covid-19" for the period of 23 February - 16 April.*
- 2. All written correspondence between Te Puni Kōkiri staff and government Ministers, officials, marae, Māori urban authorities and/or Māori health providers where the subject line includes: "Māori" and "covid-19".*

As your request is for correspondence with a "subject line", it has been interpreted as related to emails. Please note that not all emails sent or received by Te Puni Kōkiri related to the COVID-19 response contain the words Māori and COVID-19 in the subject line. Indeed a scoping exercise identified approximately 250 emails per day in our email archives containing the word COVID.



A search of our email archives using the parameters you have stipulated retrieved over 700 items potentially in scope of your request. Examining this amount of material is not practicable as each item would need to be checked individually.

However, in order to partially respond to your request, efforts were made to identify email traffic between Te Puni Kōkiri and the Office of the Minister for Māori Development. From this, four emails or email chains were identified in scope of your request. The correspondence and my decisions with regard to the release of the information is set out in the table attached as Appendix A. Some information has been withheld on the following grounds:

- Section 9(2)(a) - to protect privacy
- Section 9(2)(b)(ii) - to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
- Section 9(2)(ba)(ii) - protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) to protect the free and frank expression of opinion by or to Ministers or officials.

Parts (2) and (3) of your request are declined under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information cannot be provided without substantial collation and research such as would interfere with our normal operations.

The correspondence titled 'Maori Warden funding during COVID-19' includes advice that the funding sought to support Māori Wardens during COVID-19 would come from the 'Whanau Maori Community and Marae Response Fund'. I am advised that this did not happen and it was agreed that the Māori Warden Project budget be 're-purposed' and used to support active Māori Wardens operating during the various Lockdown Levels. This was to enable the Whanau Maori Community and Marae Response Fund to support and meet the needs of other groups impacted by COVID. The same formula (table) in the advice was used to allocate the funding to the Warden groups.

If you wish to discuss this response, please contact [oia@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:oia@tpk.govt.nz) in the first instance.

Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some Official Information Act responses on its website. We will not publish your name and contact details.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



Fiona McBeath  
Manahautū Tuarua Te Puni Tautoko | Deputy Chief Executive, Organisational Support



**Appendix A – Correspondence in scope and decisions – OIA 41376**

<b>Correspondence related to Covid-19 - OIA 41376</b>				<b>Decision</b>
<b>Doc no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>TPK ref</b>	<b>Title</b>	
1	18 March 2020	41225	<b>Subject:</b> FW: Impact of Covid-19 on the major Maori tourism (sic) interests	Released in part – some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii)
2	24 March 2020	41246	<b>Subject:</b> Meeting with Hon Kelvin Davis - Te Puia (MACI) and Tourism Holding Ltd - impacts of COVID-19 on Māori Tourism	Released in part – some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(g)(i)
3	27 March 2020	41270	<b>Subject:</b> RE: Letter From Hauraki Maori Trust Board Chairman RE COVID-19 - TPK 41720	Emails released in part – some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i)
4	16 April 2020	-	<b>Subject:</b> FW: Maori Warden funding during COVID-19	Attachments withheld in full under section 9(2)(ba)(ii) Emails released in part – some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i)



1.

**Document 1 – Request for Advice ref 41225 - Impact of Covid-19 on Māori Tourism**

Redactions under 9(2)(a)

**From:** [REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 18 March 2020 10:30 am  
**To:** Megan Bell <bellm@tpk.govt.nz>; OS - Ministerials <DL-OS-Ministerials@tpk.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Erin Keenan <keene@tpk.govt.nz>; [REDACTED] (Parliament)  
[REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz; [REDACTED] (Parliament)  
<[REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: Impact of Covid-19 on the major Maori tourism interests

Kia ora koutou,

Can we have advice on the impact of Covid-19 on the major Māori tourism interests e.g.

- **Te Puia MACI** and their revised business model (what plans are in place to buffer the impacts? how useful is the stimulus package that has been announced? does the Government retain any interest in the viability of the business? what procurement opportunities exist from Government sector?)
  - some of these issues may need discussion with the organisations to clarify
- **Tourism Holdings Ltd** what are the implications for Ngāi Tahu across the range of tourism and hospitality products that they have?
- **Rotorua as a region** given the proportion of Māori SME Tourism operators I would expect that there is a sharp curve of negative impacts and would this be the case for Māori tourism operators

Can you also include MBIE (tourism) and NZ Māori Tourism in your consideration of advice please.

As discussed, due date is tomorrow 19 March 4pm please. Happy to discuss or clarify the above, as the request may require discussion across Te Puni Kōkiri teams, and others such as NZ Tourism.

Ngā mihi,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Private Secretary, Māori Development

[REDACTED]

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**Document emailed to the Office for the Minister of Māori development on 19 March 2020**

All following redactions under 9(2)(b)(ii)  
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**Purpose**

To provide the Minister with an overview of the impacts of COVID-19 on the Māori Tourism sector, plans in place to buffer the impacts and the extent to which the economic response package will be useful to Māori Tourism businesses.

**Context**

We contacted MBIE for information on support they are providing to Māori businesses and any data they have on the impact of COVID-19 on Māori tourism businesses. We understand they have been focusing on supporting wider New Zealand businesses, including Māori. They could not provide specific data or information in relation to Māori tourism businesses.

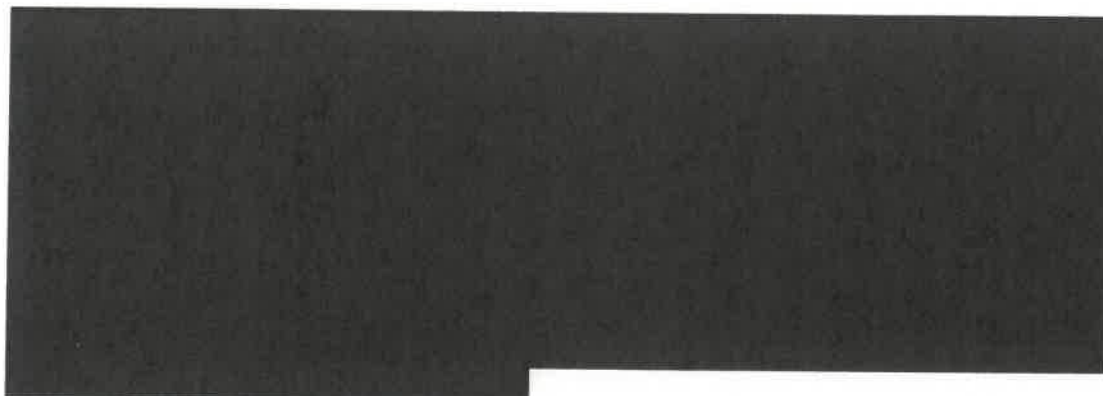
Ngai Tahu Tourism is preparing advice. We will send it through once it is received.

Preliminary advice on the government's ongoing interest in the viability of the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute is appended at **Attachment 1**.

**Responses from Māori Tourism Businesses and Stakeholders**

Hoki-mai Chong  
Deputy Chief Executive, New Zealand Māori Tourism

**Q: What plans are in place to buffer the impacts of COVID-19 in your tourism operation/Māori tourism sector?**



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Q: How useful is the stimulus package that has been announced by the government?**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Q: What plans do you have in place to buffer the impacts?**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**Q: Does the Government retain any interest in the viability of the business?**

[REDACTED]

**Q: What procurement opportunities exist from Government sector?**

[REDACTED]

**Tim Cossar**  
Chief Executive, Te Puia Village, Rotorua

**Q: What impact has COVID-19 had on your visitor numbers and staff retention so far?**

[REDACTED]

**Q: Who are your main visitor markets?**

[REDACTED]

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**Q: What plans do you have in place to buffer the impacts?**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Q: Are you aware of the economic response package? Have you looked into whether you qualify for the support? If you qualify and are intending to apply, and are you requiring support with your application? How useful do you think the economic response package will be for your business?**

[REDACTED]

**Q: Other comments?**

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**Jeanna Love**  
**Commercial Manager/Business Adviser, Poutama Trust**

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[REDACTED]

**Takurua Mutu**  
**Co-owner/Director, MDA Luxury Experiences Rotorua**

**Q: What impact has COVID-19 had on your visitor numbers and staff retention so far?**

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**Q: Who are your main visitor markets?**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Q: What plans do you have in place to buffer the impacts?**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Q: Are you aware of the economic response package? Have you looked into whether you qualify for the support? If you qualify and are intending to apply, and are you requiring support with your application? How useful do you think the economic response package will be for your business?**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Karen Walmsley**  
**Co-owner, Totally Tarawera (Tarawera Water Taxi)**

**Q: What impact has COVID-19 had on your visitor numbers and staff retention so far?**

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Q: Who are your main visitor markets?**

[REDACTED]

**Q: What plans do you have in place to buffer the impacts?**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Anonymous Māori Tourism Business**

**Q: What impact has COVID-19 had on your visitor numbers and staff retention so far?**

[REDACTED]

**Q: What plans do you have in place to buffer the impacts?**

[REDACTED]

**Q: Who are your main visitor markets?**

[REDACTED]

**Q: Are you aware of the government's economic response package?**

[REDACTED]

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**Q: Have you looked into whether you qualify for the support?**

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**Q: If you qualify and are intending to apply, are you requiring support with your application?**

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**Q: How useful do you think the economic response package will be for your business?**

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**Q: What other support is necessary?**

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**Attachment 1 – Preliminary advice on the government’s ongoing interest in the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute**

- The present NZMACI is a statutory body established by section 4 of the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute Act 1963.
- Legislation in the form of the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute Vesting Bill was scheduled for its third reading before Parliament this week. This has been deferred pending further decisions by Ministers.
- When the new Act comes into force, it will effect the vesting of the Te Puia NZMACI business in the Te Puia NZMACI Limited Partnership, an entity comprised of Wahiao Tuhourangi and Ngati Whakaue partners.
- The new iwi Partnership is a private entity or body and will not be subject to Crown control or direction.
- However, in regard to the question ‘Does the Government retain any interest in the viability of the business?’ the answer must be: **Yes it does.**

Why?

*The NZMACI will be required by legislation to continue certain functions*

- The legislation vesting the Te Puia NZMACI business in the iwi Partnership includes a statutory requirement in clause 11 of the Bill that the iwi Partnership must continue to perform functions and powers of the present NZMACI as are set out in the clause. These essentially are:
  - the fostering and promotion of Māori culture and arts
  - the provision of training for the iwi of New Zealand, including in carving
  - the making of grants to enable persons to study, train etc
  - the conferring of diplomas certificates and the like in regard to such training
  - providing and supporting demonstrations, exhibitions, tours of toi Māori and toi whakaari Māori of New Zealand.
- As this will be effected through legislation enacted by Parliament, the government must be seen as having an interest in the continued viability of the entity as this a direct function of the entity’s ability and capacity to successfully carry out/perform those functions and powers.

*The Crown retains a governance role during the transition period*

- The Crown will also have input into the governance of the new Partnership while it transitions to iwi ownership.
- Clause 12 of the Vesting Bill provides for the Crown to appoint one director to the general partner company established by the Partnership to manage the assets of the business. The Crown appointed director will also chair the company board. This provision will apply for 6 years from the vesting date.

- This appointment provision can be seen not only as a transition provision as such, but also as an indication of Government interest in the continued success and viability of the entity into the future.

*NZMACI is a national taonga*

- Te Puia NZMACI is a major and important player in not only the tourist industry in New Zealand, but also in the fostering, promotion and training it provides in Māori Arts and culture with pre-eminence in carving and weaving. It is a taonga, which the Crown is, under our constitutional arrangements, required to protect and promote, and make provision for same.

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**Incoming request**

**9(2)(a) following 2 pages**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 March 2020 1:12 pm

**To:** Megan Bell ; Erin Keenan

**Cc:** OS - Ministerials ; Hiria Pointon ; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Meeting with Hon Kelvin Davis - Te Puia (MACI) and Tourism Holding Ltd - impacts of COVID-19 on Māori Tourism

Kia ora Meg,

As discussed on the phone, the Minister is meeting with Hon Kelvin Davis early tomorrow afternoon, to discuss Te Puia (Māori Arts and Crafts Institute) and Tourism Holdings Ltd (THL) related to the COVID-19 impact on Māori Tourism. Can you and the team provide an Aide memoire with Annotated Agenda (with talking points) on these kaupapa. It would be useful to provide some high level analysis (bullet points) of the impacts of COVID-19 based on the raw information that you have already provided (attached) via Ben on Maori Tourism.

Advice due tomorrow 25 March, 10am please via email. Happy to discuss,

Ngā mihi,

[REDACTED]

*Private Secretary, Māori Development*

[REDACTED]

**Outgoing emails and reply**

**From:** [REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 March 2020 11:41 am

**To:** Megan Bell <bellm@tpk.govt.nz>

**Cc:** OS - Ministerials <DL-OS-Ministerials@tpk.govt.nz>; Hiria Pointon <poih@tpk.govt.nz>;

Erin Keenan <keene@tpk.govt.nz>; Ben Matthews <mattb@tpk.govt.nz>; Evan Martin

<marte@tpk.govt.nz>; Kelly Parekowhai <parek@tpk.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: AM 41426 Meeting with Hon Kelvin Davis - Te Puia (MACI) and Tourism Holding Ltd - impacts of COVID-19 on Māori Tourism

Kia ora Meg,

Thank you to you and the team for pulling this advice and information together at short notice. Unfortunately we have just been advised that the meeting has been cancelled, but we have the information which can be utilised if the meeting progresses at a later date. So please advise the team that they are no longer required on standby.

Ngā mihi,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*Private Secretary, Māori Development*

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**From:** Megan Bell [mailto:bellm@tpk.govt.nz]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 March 2020 11:09 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** OS - Ministerials ; Hiria Pointon ; Erin Keenan ; Ben Matthews ; Evan Martin ; Kelly Parekowhai ; MailBox - PP - EW Policy ; Mailbox - PP - OMNIs and Min Consults

**Subject:** RE: AM 41426 Meeting with Hon Kelvin Davis - Te Puia (MACI) and Tourism Holding Ltd - impacts of COVID-19 on Māori Tourism

Kia ora,  
Annotated agenda with talking points attached.

Ngā mihi,

Meg

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**Megan Bell**  
Manager (Tier 3, Acting) | Tumu Whakahaere  
Te Puni Kōkiri, National Office

Tauwaea DDI : [REDACTED]  
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PO Box 3943, Wellington 6140, New Zealand

**From:** Megan Bell

**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 March 2020 10:54 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz

**Cc:** OS - Ministerials <DL-OS-Ministerials@tpk.govt.nz>; Hiria Pointon <poinh@tpk.govt.nz>; Erin Keenan <keene@tpk.govt.nz>; Ben Matthews <mattb@tpk.govt.nz>; Evan Martin <smarte@tpk.govt.nz>; Kelly Parekowhai <parek@tpk.govt.nz>; MailBox - PP - EW Policy (EWPpolicy@tpk.govt.nz) <EWPpolicy@tpk.govt.nz>; Mailbox - PP - OMNIs and Min Consults <MB-PP-OMC@tpk.govt.nz>

**Subject:** AM 41426 Meeting with Hon Kelvin Davis - Te Puia (MACI) and Tourism Holding Ltd - impacts of COVID-19 on Māori Tourism

Kia ora,  
Please find attached the Aide Memoire for Ministers Mahuta and Davis ahead of the meeting today.

Officials are on standby to attend via Zoom (Megan and Erin).

Tracking sheet and agenda to follow.

Ngā mihi,

Meg



Megan Bell  
 Manager (Tier 3, Acting) | Tumu Whakahaere  
 National Office



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## Meeting with Hon Kelvin Davis to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on the Māori Tourism Sector

<b>Date</b>	25 Poutū-te-Rangi 2020
<b>Time</b>	1.00 pm (meeting length unspecified)
<b>Venue</b>	<p>The meeting will take place via Zoom conferencing.</p> <p>To join the meeting from your computer, enter the following link:  <a href="https://zoom.us/j/943965898">https://zoom.us/j/943965898</a></p> <p>To join the meeting from your phone, dial (04) 886 0026.</p> <p>Meeting ID: 943 965 898</p>
<b>Hui Description</b>	<p>The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on Māori Tourism Businesses, drawing on the specific cases of Te Puia (including the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute) and Tourism Holdings Limited (Ngāi Tahu Tourism). If time permits, the meeting may also discuss the Māori Tourism sector generally.</p> <p>The meeting is also an opportunity to discuss a plan forward to support the Māori Tourism sector through the current crisis.</p>
<b>Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon Kelvin Davis</li> <li>• Hon Nanaia Mahuta</li> <li>• MBIE Tourism officials (TBC)</li> <li>• Te Puni Kōkiri officials on stand-by, if required:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Megan Bell, Acting Manager, Economic Wealth</li> <li>- Erin Keenan, Acting Manager, Crown-Iwi, Hapū, Whānau Māori Relations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Annotated Agenda</b>	
<b>1.00 pm</b>	<i>Meeting opens – Minister Mahuta to provide an overview of the insights gained by Te Puni Kōkiri from Te Puia, Ngāi Tahu Tourism and Māori Tourism SMEs (15 mins)</i>
<b>1.15 pm</b>	<i>Minister Davis responds (15 mins)</i>

1.30 pm	Discussion (15 mins)
1.45 pm	Meeting ends

## TALKING POINTS

### Meeting with Hon Kelvin Davis to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on the Māori Tourism Sector

24 Poutū-te-Rangi 2020, 1.00 pm

- Tourism has for a long time been New Zealand's biggest export industry, contributing 20.4% of total exports to the economy and providing significant employment for New Zealanders and Māori alike.
- As such, I have been interested to understand in greater detail the impacts of COVID-19 on the Māori tourism sector in order to gauge how the Government might be able to best assist.
- I would like to discuss key insights Te Puni Kōkiri has shared with us, collected from Māori Tourism operators on the impacts of COVID-19 on their businesses.

*Te Puia and NZMACI*

Following redactions 9(2)(g)(i)

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25 Poutū-te-rangi 2020

Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori

## **HE PĀRONGO | AIDE MEMOIRE**

### **Meeting with Hon Kelvin Davis to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on the Māori Tourism Sector**

**For meeting on: 25 Poutū-te-Rangi 2020**

Te Puni Kōkiri contact: Megan Bell, Manager, Economic Wealth  
Phone: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)  
TPK tracking no: 41246  
Classification: **Sensitive**

#### **Purpose**

1. This Aide Memoire provides background, analysis and talking points in preparation for a bilateral meeting to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on Māori Tourism, particularly Te Puia (Māori Arts and Crafts Institute) and Tourism Holdings Ltd (Ngāi Tahu Tourism).
2. The meeting is also an opportunity to discuss a plan forward to support the Māori Tourism sector through the current crisis.

#### **Background**

3. At midnight on 19 Poutū-te-rangi 2020, the Government closed New Zealand's borders in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 in New Zealand. This single act delivered an instant and significant blow to New Zealand's tourism industry<sup>1</sup> as the flow of international tourists into the country came to an abrupt halt.
4. Earlier on 19 Poutū-te-Rangi, we received a request from your office for advice on the impact of COVID-19 on Māori Tourism operators, specifically Ngāi Tahu Tourism and Te Puia, as well as on Rotorua as a tourism region. Due to the quick turnaround request and the need to give tourism operators as much time as possible to provide the information, this was provided to your office without Te Puni Kōkiri analysis on 20 Poutū-te-rangi 2020.
5. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Tourism section) advised that they had been focusing on supporting all New Zealand tourism businesses, including Māori. They were not able to provide specific data or information in relation to support for Māori tourism businesses.
6. We received responses from:
  - a. Mr Quinton Hall (CEO, Ngāi Tahu Tourism)
  - b. Mr Tim Cossar (CEO, Te Puia Māori Village)

<sup>1</sup> New Zealand's biggest export industry, contributing 20.4% of total exports to the economy (Tourism Industry Aotearoa, 2020). Retrieved 24 Poutū-te-rangi 2020 from <https://tia.org.nz/about-the-industry/quick-facts-and-figures/>

- c. Mr Hoki-mai Chong (Deputy Chief Executive, New Zealand Māori Tourism)
  - d. Several other Rotorua-based tourism operators (listed later in this paper).
7. Please note that responses in relation to the government's economic support package are in relation to the package announced on 17 Poutū-te-Rangi 2020. The most recent announcement, removing the wage subsidy cap (previously there was a restriction on who could receive the wage subsidy) was made after these responses were collected, and may therefore alter the responses from the Māori tourism operators.

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**Summary of feedback from operators**

**Te Puia and MZMACI**

**All following redactions 9(2)(b)(ii)**

*Visitor numbers and staff retention*

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

*Plans to buffer the impact*

[REDACTED]

**Ngāi Tahu Tourism**

*Operational overview*

20. Ngāi Tahu Tourism hosts one million visitors every year across 11 businesses nationwide. In peak season, they employ around 550 staff across Queenstown, Takapō (Tekapo), Christchurch, Franz Josef, Rotorua, Auckland and Taupō. It is wholly owned by Ngāi Tahu iwi and all profits go towards supporting intergenerational outcomes for Ngāi Tahu whānui.

*Implications of COVID-19 across their businesses*

[REDACTED]

*Government procurement opportunities*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Rotorua Region Māori Tourism Landscape**

27. As also requested by your office, we engaged with Small and Medium Māori Tourism Enterprises in Rotorua to gain a sense of the impacts of COVID-19 on their businesses and the Rotorua region overall as a Māori tourism hub. We spoke with:

- a. Ms Jeanna Love, Commercial Manager/Business Adviser, Poutama Trust
- b. Mr Takurua Mutu, Co-owner/Director, MDA Luxury Experiences Rotorua
- c. Ms Karen Walmsley, Co-owner, Totally Tarawera (Tarawera Water Taxi)
- d. One anonymous Māori tourism operator.

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**New Zealand Māori Tourism**

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*Additional comments from NZ Māori Tourism*

[REDACTED]

*Te Puia and NZMACI*

40. The present NZMACI is a statutory body established by section 4 of the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute Act 1963. Legislation in the form of the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute Vesting Bill was scheduled for its third reading before Parliament this week. This has been deferred pending further decisions by Ministers.
41. When the new Act comes into force, it will vest the Te Puia NZMACI business in the Te Puia NZMACI Limited Partnership, an entity comprised of Tuhourangi-Ngāti Wahioao and Ngāti Whakaue iwi partners. The new iwi Partnership is a private entity and will not be subject to Crown control or direction.
42. However, the government will retain an interest in the viability of the business. This is because the NZMACI will be required by legislation to continue certain functions. The legislation includes a statutory requirement in clause 11 of the Bill that the iwi Partnership must continue to perform functions and powers of the present NZMACI as are set out in the clause. These essentially are:
- a. the fostering and promotion of Māori culture and arts
  - b. the provision of training for the iwi of New Zealand, including in carving
  - c. the making of grants to enable persons to train in these arts
  - d. the conferring of qualifications in regard to such training
  - e. providing and supporting demonstrations, exhibitions, tours of toi Māori and toi whakaari Māori of New Zealand.
43. As this will be effected through legislation enacted by Parliament, the Government must be seen as having an interest in the continued viability of the entity as this is a direct function of the entity's ability and capacity to successfully carry out and perform those functions and powers.
44. The Crown will also have input into the governance of the new Partnership while it transitions to iwi ownership. Clause 12 of the Vesting Bill provides for the Crown to appoint one director to the general partner company established by the Partnership to manage the assets of the business. The Crown appointed director will also chair the company board. This provision will apply for six years from the vesting date.
45. This appointment provision can be seen not only as a transition provision as such, but also as an indication of Government interest in the continued success and viability of the entity into the future.
46. Te Puia NZMACI is also a national taonga. It is a major and important player in not only the New Zealand tourism industry, but also in the fostering, promotion and training it provides in Māori arts and culture with pre-eminence in carving and weaving. It is a taonga,

which the Crown is, under our constitutional arrangements, required to protect and promote, and make provision for same.

**Attachments**

1. Talking points

Megan Bell

Tumu Whakahaere Rangitahi, Oranga Ōhanga | Acting Manager, Economic Wealth

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**From:** [REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz> All redactions this page 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 March 2020 4:58 pm  
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**Cc:** OS - Ministerials <DL-OS-Ministerials@tpk.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter From Hauraki Maori Trust Board Chairman RE COVID-19  
**Importance:** High

Tēnā koutou,

I hope all is well. Please find attached two letters. One from Hauraki Māori Trust Board and one from Waikato-Tainui regarding COVID-19 and support for their respective communities.

As you can see below, [REDACTED] – Private Secretary for Associate Māori Health under Minister Henare will take the lead on the response. Hina has asked if any of us can support the request for communications assistance. Specifically,

- Funding for the continuation of the iwi communication, information and media including some call centres to proactively inform and support our whanau inside and beyond our takiwa; and

Can you please advise if we are able to assist? If we are able to assist – can I please have a contact person. I will share that contact person's details with [REDACTED] so they can get in touch directly.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Please give me a call on [REDACTED] if you have any pātai.

Ngā Mihi,  
 [REDACTED]

**From:** Karen Hornsby  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 April 2020 6:14 pm  
**To:** [REDACTED] (Parliament) <[REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz>; [REDACTED] (Parliament) <[REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz>  
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**Subject:** RE: Letter From Hauraki Maori Trust Board Chairman RE COVID-19 - TPK 41720

Kia ora [REDACTED]

In response to your request below:

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION - FUNDING AGREEMENTS AS AT 1 APRIL 2020

The Investment Puni (Roberta Anetipa, Acting Manager, Investment Planning and Performance) advised that Hon Mahuta's Office was provided with information on the funding agreements for the Whānau Māori Community and Marae Response Fund, and Rangatiratanga Grants for COVID-19 (on 1 April 2020). The funding information included details of communications and resource funding related to COVID-19 for the Raukawa, Maniapoto, Hauraki and Waikato-Tainui, specifically that:

1. Raukawa Charitable Trust is receiving \$50,000.00 to coordinate and implement a call centre and deploy resources.
2. Maniapoto Māori Trust Board is receiving \$50,000.00 to coordinate a call centre and deploy resources.
3. Korowai Hauora o Hauraki is receiving \$100,000.00 to set up a virtual network, and purchase essential supplies.
4. Waikato Raupatu Lands is receiving \$100,000.00 to enable Tainui to establish their systems for a call centre and implement a COVID-19 response plan.

[REDACTED]

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## SUGGESTED RESPONSES

Letter to Prime Minister from the Chairperson of Hauraki Māori Trust Board (27 March 2020)

In regard to your Board's request for communications funding, I have been advised that Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki is receiving funding of \$100,000 from the Whānau Māori Community and Marae Response Fund. I understand that this funding will provide for the establishment of a virtual network and essential supplies for Hauraki whanui at this critical time. Should the Hauraki Māori Trust Board wish to discuss this further please contact Te Puni Kōkiri's Regional Manager for Waikato-Wairiki, Rachel Jones (via phone + [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Letter to Prime Minister Iwi Response from Te Arataura Chair. Te Whakakitenga o Waikato (25 March 2020)

I have been advised that the Waikato Raupatu Lands Trust is receiving \$100,000 funding from the Whānau Māori Community and Marae Response Fund to establish a call centre and implement a COVID-19 response plan for Waikato-Tainui. Should you wish to discuss this further please contact Te Puni Kōkiri's Regional Manager for Waikato-Wairiki, Rachel Jones (via phone + [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Ngā mihi

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**Subject:** FW: Maori Warden funding during COVID-19

Morena [REDACTED] (9)(2)(a)

I hope you had a relaxing Easter break. There were some conversations late last week with the Minister about providing funding support to Māori Warden groups who are operating in communities at this time. Specifically, \$1,000 per active warden to a maximum of \$15,000 per group, as outlined in the attached document prepared by Te Rau. This equates to 157 wardens operating in 22 groups, for a total investment of \$151,000.

The Minister had asked that no further funding decisions be made from the \$10m *Whānau Māori Community and Marae Response Fund* until we have assessed the effectiveness of the first wave of distribution and checked back into the office/Minister. We are still in the process of undertaking this work and are regularly engaging with the Minister at officials' meetings.

I have been informed that the Minister is supportive of Te Puni Kōkiri providing funding to the Māori Wardens through the *Whānau Māori Community and Marae Response Fund* now i.e. as part of the first wave of distribution.

We are currently preparing the documentation to be able to provide the funding to the Māori Wardens groups this week. We are proceeding on the basis that this has been sanctioned by the Minister but please get in touch with me asap if this is not the case.

Ngā mihi  
Karen

## **Māori warden funding support during COVID-19**

### **Context**

Requests have been received from Māori Warden groups operating in their communities who are seeking funding support during the COVID-19 lockdown. The Minister has also asked how Te Puni Kōkiri support and fund their efforts on the ground.

### **Our approach to date**

Since lockdown began (25 March), the Māori Warden Project Team has advised all Māori Wardens that they needed to consider their own health and safety and that of their whānau in the first instance before going out to support their community. Also, the fact Māori Wardens are not classified as 'essential Services', many have taken the advice and are staying at home.

However, there are younger and willing Māori wardens who are putting themselves forward to help where they can. Now that CDEM's have been established locally a growing number of warden groups are agreeing to work alongside the organisations

mainly delivering care, welfare and medical packages. There are also groups who are providing security and welfare support at supermarkets and marae particularly in rural areas. Generally, these 'Essential Service' providers have the necessary PPE's and resources to kit out supporting groups but welfare providers like marae still struggle to access these resources.

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. I am advised that \$3.1m has been disbursed in the first wave. There remains a further \$6.1m of the \$10m fund still to be disbursed. Māori Warden groups who are working now can be a part of the second wave of funding under this fund.

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All the Māori Warden Regional Coordinators have provided the warden districts & groups working now and the numbers of individual wardens working. The following table summarises warden activity across their regions/districts:

Region/District	Warden Groups	No's	\$
Te Taitokerau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ngati Hine MW</li> <li>• North Kaipara MW</li> </ul>	2 1	2 1
Tamaki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waitemata MW</li> <li>• North Shore MW</li> <li>• Akarana MW</li> </ul>	6 3 2	6 3 2
Tamaki ki te Tonga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TKTT District MW</li> </ul>	15	15
Waikato, Hauraki & Maniapoto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NWMOTRP MW</li> <li>• Ngaruawahia MW</li> <li>• Raglan MW</li> </ul>	23 2 2	15 2 2
Tauranga Moana & Waiariki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katikati MW</li> <li>• Westside MW</li> <li>• Mauau MW</li> <li>• Opotiki MW</li> <li>• Tauranga MW</li> </ul>	6 6 3 3 5	6 6 3 3 5
Te Tairāwhiti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Te Tairāwhiti District MW</li> </ul>	7	7
Takitimu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karapinepine District MW</li> </ul>	8	8
Raukawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raukawa District MW</li> </ul>	17	15
Aotea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aotea District MW</li> </ul>	9	9
Whanganui a Tara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Te Korowai District MW</li> </ul>	15	15
Te Tau Ihu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whakatu MW</li> </ul>	15	15
Te Waipounamu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ngā Mata Waka MW</li> <li>• Otautahi MW</li> </ul>	8 3	8 3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22 Groups</b>	<b>157 wardens</b>	<b>\$151K</b>

**How & who will be funded**



The Māori Warden Project already has funded most warden groups across the country through the annual Māori Warden Funding programme. We have the warden group account details and can direct credit into their accounts easily.

In general, Māori Warden groups have been supported with most of the resources needed to operate in their role by the 'Essential Service' providers but they are being asked to use their own vehicles and bring with them their own food each day. Many have used their existing funds to support their communities.

This funding can only be seen as a contribution given other organisations have also supported warden groups.

***To keep this funding support as simple and straightforward as possible, I am suggesting the following formula is used to distribute the funding. We fund \$1,000 per active warden to a maximum of \$15k per group.***

Based on the information provided by the Regional Coordinators above \$151K can be distributed directly to those warden groups currently working in their communities.

#### **Response to the Minister's questions:**

1. Are we able to provide support for wardens to help their local CDEM response or where they are assisting Iwi or Māori health providers?
2. Is this something that could be assisted through the second wave of support?

#### **Responses**

1. Yes, Te Puni Kōkiri can support Māori Warden groups who are supporting 'Essential Service' providers.
  - Most Maori Warden groups working alongside 'Essential Services' e.g. local CDEM groups, community welfare groups, Iwi, DHB's and local marae, etc have been equipped with the necessary safety resources (PPE's) to support the delivery of services.
  - However, some of these groups continue to struggle to have the necessary resources to function.
  - The key role Maori Warden groups play is the transport and delivery of care, medical & welfare packs. Some groups also carry out a security type role at supermarkets.
  - In some cases wardens are having to use their own personal vehicles to carry out the work and they are required to bring their own food with them for the day.
2. Yes, the planned second wave of support from the Whanau Maori Community and Marae Response Fund would allow warden groups to be supported and funded.

- The funding is a contribution toward the warden effort in their community.
- I have spoken to Karen McGuiness (Acting Deputy CE) from the Investment Te Puni who has agreed this can happen with the Minister's approval.
- The following table indicates what Māori Warden groups will be funded from the Whānau Māori Community and Marae Response Fund. **The total funding requested is \$151K.** The funding is based on \$1K per active Māori Warden to a maximum of \$15K per group.

Region/District	Warden Groups	No's	\$
Te Taitokerau	• Ngati Hine MW	2	2
	• North Kaipara MW	1	1
Tamaki	• Waitemata MW	6	6
	• North Shore MW	3	3
	• Akarana MW	2	2
Tamaki ki te Tonga	• TKTT District MW	15	15
Waikato, Hauraki & Maniapoto	• NWMOTRP MW	23	15
	• Ngaruawahia MW	2	2
	• Raglan MW	2	2
Tauranga Moana & Waiariki	• Katikati MW	6	6
	• Westside MW	6	6
	• Mauau MW	3	3
	• Opotiki MW	3	3
	• Tauranga MW	5	5
Te Tairāwhiti	• Te Tairāwhiti District MW	7	7
Takitimu	• Karapinepine District MW	8	8
Raukawa	• Raukawa District MW	17	15
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