

3 October 2023

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Tēnā koe Amin

I refer to your request received on 11 September 2023, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information. Please find a response to your request below.

“...the total amount of funding allocated for the development of Te Reo in your ministry and affiliated organizations since the beginning of the new government in 2020, along with a breakdown of how this allocated funding has been utilized or distributed.”

On 19 September 2023, Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage (the Ministry) advised you that it would only be responding on behalf of the Ministry. This is because the Ministry does not hold the information you have requested for its ‘affiliated’ organisations.

The Ministry does not have specific funding allocated for the development of Te Reo Māori. However, where Te Reo Māori is identified as a development opportunity for staff, funding is made available from a centralised training fund (not a specific Te Reo Māori fund).

A summary of these costs for the period 25 November 2020 (opening of the 53rd NZ Parliament to 11 September 2023 (date your OIA request was received) is outlined in the table below.

Item/Event	Cost
Books	\$1,166.23
Externally provided course	\$1,180.43
Academic study assistance	\$958.20
Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori	\$456.09
Total	\$3,760.95

Additionally, this year \$1,500 was allocated to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (11–17 September) at the Ministry.

Between 25 November 2020 and 11 September 2023, there have been a range of kaupapa implemented by the Ministry to build cultural capability among staff. Though these have not been specific to Te Reo Māori learning, picking up Te Reo Māori is often a by-product of participating. You can read more about some of these kaupapa in the following links:

- [Manatū Taonga Annual Report 2020/2021](#) (Pages 67 – 68)
- [Manatū Taonga Annual Report 2021/2022](#) (Pages 33 – 34)

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oiia@mch.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Ministry's website.

Nāku noa, nā

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

Sarah Hardy

Pou Mataaho o Te Iho – Deputy Chief Executive, Organisational Performance