

10 September 2019

Tēnā koe Daniel,

Your request under the Official Information Act 1982

This letter responds to your 16 August 2019 request to Minister Davis for information under the Official Information Act 1982. This request was transferred to the Office for Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti, previously the Office of Treaty Settlements, for response.

You requested:

“the letters of introduction between the Crown and Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika drawn up and delivered as part of their Treaty Settlement” in relation to the Minister of Health, Hutt Valley District Health Board, or Capital and Coast District Health Board.

The Deed of Settlement between the Crown and Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika did not provide for such letters of introduction, and we have been unable to establish that the letters requested were produced. We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA because the requested documents do not exist.

The Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika Deed of Settlement documents are publicly available online at <https://www.govt.nz/treaty-settlement-documents/taranaki-whanui-ki-te-upoko-o-te-ika/>.

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

If you want to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Caryl Illana, Analyst, at caryl.illana@tearawhiti.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā


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