



Ref. No. DOIA 2021-2542

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Dear Mr Smith

Thank you for your email of 13 June 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

The March 2021 agreement between MBIE and Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi referenced in this article: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/local-democracy-reporting/125323106/iwi-partnership-to-ease-plugging-of-tui-oilfield>. If this document is publicly available, I would appreciate it if you could provide me with a link to it.

This article also states: 'MBIE is paying Taranaki for an iwi project lead, Fran Davey, and four technical advisors who are iwi members.' I request the amount MBIE has paid Taranaki to date (13 June 2021) for this purpose, and the amount MBIE has budgeted to pay Taranaki for this purpose until this cooperation is complete..

In response to the first part of your request, please find attached the agreement between MBIE and Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi. Please note that some information from within this agreement has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of nature persons
- 9(2)(j) enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

In response to the second part of your request, any information regarding payments made to Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi up to 13 June 2021 in relation to this agreement have been withheld in full under section 9(2)(j) of the Act.

I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make it available in the public interest.



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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Michelle Schulz', with a large loop at the top and a cross at the bottom.

Michelle Schulz
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