

11 November 2021

Te Ringa Mangu Mihaka

By email: fyi-request-17174-0176e9d2@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: H202114634

Dear Te Ringa Mangu Mihaka

Response to your request for personal information

Thank you for your request to the Ministry of Health under the Privacy Act 2020 and the Official Information Act 1982 for the following information:

"1. I seek the messaging and phone records of calls, text messages, emails, etc, between Ministry of Health Principal Advisor Mental Health and Addictions Waiatamai Tamehana and Te Ringa Mangu Mihaka between February , March and April 2020.

2. I seek any memoranda, notes, emails and phone and message records, particularly text messages, between Waiatamai Tamehana and ANY Government minister or staff member, especially in regard to the meeting we had with her and Bernard Te Paa, Principal Ministry Advisor, Maori Health, on 8 March 2020 regarding the fraudulent misuse of a document, funding fraud, etc, involving Tui Taurua and the group Nga Hau E Wha, who the Ministry continues to fund despite evidence of ineligibility and fraud.

3. I seek any memoranda, notes, emails and phone and message records between Waiatamai Tamehana and ANY Government minister or staff member, in regard to the meeting I and another representative of Waitangi marae had with two Ministry staff at the offices of ACC on 12 or 13 March 2020 to discuss our formal complaint about the phone calls and text messages received in the middle of the night and throughout the early hours of the morning from the phone of the Principal Ministry Advisor Mental Health and Addictions Waiatamai Tamehana, in which she claimed to be "Karen Browne" and tried to persuade us to withdraw our initial complaint about Tui Taurua.

4. I seek in particular copies of all the photographs these two women we met with on the 12th or 13th took of the evidence on the screen of my phone of the messages we received just after midnight on 12 March 2020 from the phone of Waiatamai Tamehana, and all notes, and all other information, about that meeting, and our complaint about the phone calls and text messages.

5. I seek any internal communications regarding the same incident, including internal advice regarding the public relations implications regarding this same incident.

6. I seek all information about what investigations, if any, the Ministry took into our complaints regarding Tui Taurua and the fraudulent misuse of the document bearing our

information and signatures at Waitangi marae on Waitangi day 2018, and the evidence of funding fraud involving Nga Hau E Wha from Changing Minds and MHAPS among others.”

As previously advised, the Ministry does not hold phone records for the cell phone number 027 373 4051 as this is not a Ministry cell phone number. Please note that neither the Privacy Act¹ nor the OIA² apply to an individual acting in their personal capacity. As there is no reason to believe this information is held by any other agency subject to either Acts, your request for this information is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA.

The information you have requested in relation to Waitatamai Tamehana forms part of a Ministry employee record. Your request for this information is therefore refused under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Furthermore, all information held by the Ministry in relation to your complaints regarding Tui Taurua, Bernard Te Paa, Jak Wild, Victoria Roberts, Bill Hamilton and Nga Hau E Wha, have been previously released to you in OIA responses H202102054, H202008684, H202000787, H201801868 and Tairāwhiti DHB OIA response 12896.

Given that the Ministry has responded to similar requests from you in the past, please be advised that future requests on this matter may be refused under section 53(h) of the Privacy Act and section 18(h) of the OIA section 18(h) as vexatious or frivolous.

Please also note that you have the right to ask the Ministry of Health to correct any information we hold about you if you believe this is incorrect. Please contact us if you believe any of your personal information requires correction:

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Under section 67 of the Privacy Act 2020 and section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to ask the Privacy Commissioner and the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Yours sincerely



Aroha Metcalf
**Chief Advisor, Māori Health
Mental Health and Addiction**

¹ Refer to the Privacy Commissioner website for information on who the Privacy Act applies to:

www.privacy.org.nz/responsibilities/your-obligations/

² Refer to section 2 of the Official Information Act 1982 or the Ombudsman guidance to official information requests:

www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/sites/default/files/2019-08/The%20OIA%20for%20agencies%20August%202019.pdf