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Nic Lane

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Dear Nic

Thank you for your email of 17 August 2022 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

*“Are you able to give a breakdown of the number of funding applications that have been submitted in Te Reo Māori within the last financial year to the Major Events Fund.”*

We have interpreted your request to relate to any applications to the Major Events Fund (inclusive of the Creative and Cultural Incubator Fund) that have been submitted fully in te reo Māori.

The Ministry received 10 applications to the Major Events Fund in the 2021/22 financial year. None of the applications were submitted fully in te reo Māori, or even in their majority in te reo Māori. However, the Ministry does have capability to receive applications submitted fully in te reo Māori.

The applications the Ministry has received in the 2021/22 financial year have included some wording in te reo Māori, however its use is minimal in comparison to the rest of the application. For example, the applications may include one word in te reo Māori in a paragraph, such as referring to a place by its name in te reo Māori.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

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Manager, Major Events

