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Tēnā koe A J Sheppard

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 20 September 2022. You asked for the following information:

- “1. Whats the legal definition of a maori person?*
- 2. How does the TPK define being a maori person?*
- 3. If these definitions do not exist or are very broad then how does TPK know whether or not they are helping maori or targeting maori?*
- 4. When it comes to funding/supporting a maori business or initiative what is the definition and thresholds to being classed a maori business? Eg. 100% owned by maori or 25%,50%,75% maori owned.”*

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please note that *Parts 1,2 and 3* of your requests are determined to be outside the scope of the Act and will therefore not be addressed in this response.

With respect to *Part 4* of your request my response is as follows:

- For Progressive Procurement purposes Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK) uses the Cabinet definition of a Māori business or initiative - ... *a Māori business is a Māori authority (as classified by the Inland Revenue Department) or a minimum 50% Māori ownership.*
- For grant funding administered by TPK, we align with the recent Statistics New Zealand (SNZ) definition, which is based on *a self-identification* approach, as it *recognises the right of Māori to self-identify*. Please contact SNZ for any further information.

I trust my response satisfies your request.



Te Puni Kōkiri

MINISTRY OF MĀORI DEVELOPMENT

Please note that your OIA request was sent to an incorrect address at Te Puni Kōkiri. The correct address for future reference is OIA@tpk.govt.nz. Further, this response is being sent to the generic address, requests@fyi.org.nz, as a follow up request by Te Puni Kōkiri for a specific address for our response has not been provided.

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

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at oiat@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hugh McAslan'.

Hugh McAslan

Hautū , Kaupapa Hiranga me Mana Whakahaere | Deputy Secretary, Critical Projects & Governance

