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Michael Gunson By email: <u>fyi-request-23823-d8c06ed2@requests.fyi.org.nz</u>

Tēnā koe Michael

Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 14 August 2023, requesting the following information from Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (Te Pūkenga):

... whether the comments made by chief of staff, Ziena Jalil, when moderating, MC facilitating or speaking at events (not related to Te Pūkenga) are supported by the organisation. Specifically political and education comments.

This letter provides a formal decision on your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The decision

Te Pūkenga has some 10,000 kaimahi, many of whom, in their personal time, variously engage in events, not directly related to their work for Te Pūkenga. The Public Service Commission provides guidance on the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of both public servants and agencies in these circumstances, which we are confident have been followed in this instance.

You have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA if you are not happy with this response. Information about how to do this is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or by calling 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

Peter Winder **Tumuaki** | Chief Executive