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Tēnā koe Amin

On 11 September 2023, you emailed Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People (Whaikaha) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *'Please provide me with the total amount of funding allocated for the development of Te Reo in your ministry and affiliated organizations since the beginning of the new government in 2020, along with a breakdown of how this allocated funding has been utilized or distributed.'*

Whaikaha was established on 1 July 2022. Currently, Whaikaha does not have a specific budgeted spend allocated for the development of Te Reo. However, Whaikaha pays one employee an allowance that recognises their Te Reo Māori proficiency certificate from Te Taura Whiri | Te Reo Māori (The Māori Language Commission). This payment is aligned with our agreed terms as part of our PSA Collective Agreement, as is common across many Government agencies.

As Whaikaha continue to grow we are working through what cultural capability development will look like, to support our kaimahi.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_requests@whaikaha.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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