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Tēnā koe M.R.M

OIA: 1330400 – Mangakōtuketuku College

Thank you for your email of 9 June 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

Please supply me with the following information under the Official Information Act. I specifically request that your response is delivered to me through the FYI.org.nz website:

1. *A copy of the Education and Training Act S180 ("Limited Statutory Manager") Gazette notice issued by the Minister of Education, and which directed the Secretary (meaning the Chief Executive of the Ministry) to appoint a Limited Statutory Manager for the Mangakōtuketuku College, Hamilton, Board of Trustees.*
2. *A copy of the Limited Statutory Manager's appointment letter with copies of all attachments / addendums / annexures thereto.*
3. *A copy of the contract / agreement appointing a security company to provide security guard services at Mangakōtuketuku College, Hamilton, with copies of all attachments / addendums / annexures thereto.*
4. *The apparent Principal of Mangakōtuketuku College, Hamilton, is Dr Govender. She has not been at work for a number of weeks. You already know, and hold, all of the information regarding the circumstances relevant to her absence. I am requesting that, in particular, you answer the following questions about this situation:*
 - a) *Is Dr Govender currently still holding the position of Principal? If not when did her tenure end and was she dismissed or did she resign?*
 - b) *Is Dr Govender officially on leave, and if so is she on annual, sick, family or other special leave?*
 - c) *Further to sub-clause b), is Dr Govender required or planning to return to her job and position, and, if so on what date will this happen?*
5. *How many Mangakōtuketuku College, Hamilton, junior students, and how many Mangakōtuketuku College, Hamilton, senior students, have been:*
 - a) *Stood down*
 - b) *Suspended*

c) *Excluded*

d) *Expelled since the start of Term 1 until the date of your response.*

6. *Further to clause 5., what were the respective reasons for the disciplinary action taken against each of the junior students and senior students (e.g. vaping)?*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

As advised on 8 July 2024, the Ministry transferred parts three to six of your request to Mangakōtuketuku College for a response. Part one was also refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available.

In response to **part two** of your request, please find attached as **Appendix A**, a copy of the following documents:

1. Letter of Appointment – Limited Statutory Manager Mangakōtuketuku College
2. Terms of Appointment – Limited Statutory Manager Mangakōtuketuku College

Please note, some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. I do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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