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Dear Catherine

### **Official Information Act request relating to He Whenua Taurikura information**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 4 July 2024.

On 16 July 2024 the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) wrote to you to advise you that your request had been partially transferred to Victoria University of Wellington (VUW). The parts remaining with DPMC are as follows:

- 1. How were these staff positions filled? Was there a formal application process? If so, when and where was this process advertised? (in respect of Director positions only)*
- 2. Location of HWT Is there a plan to rotate the location of HWT among different universities, or will it remain permanently at Victoria University?*

I have added numbering for ease of reference.

Regarding part 1 of your request, while the He Whenua Taurikura Centre (the Centre) is hosted by Victoria University of Wellington, the appointments process for the Co-Directors was undertaken by DPMC. As such, DPMC has retained this part of your request for response. Document 1 provides the process and timeline for the recruitment of the Director position. I can also advise that the position was advertised on Govt.jobs, SEEK, LinkedIn, and the Central Agencies Shared Services internal intranet.

### **Information being released**

Please find attached the following documents, as set out in the table below.

<b>Document</b>	<b>Title or Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Document 1	Appointment of Co-Directors of He Whenua Taurikura National Centre of Research Excellence	Background context setting out timeline for appointment process
Document 2	Job advert – Director, He Whenua Taurikura: National Centre of Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (3 Year Fixed Term or Secondment).	Job advertisement issued.

Regarding part 2 of your request, I can advise that there is no fixed plan about who will host the Centre in the future. This is a decision to be taken by DPMC in conjunction with the

Board of the He Whenua Taurikura charitable trust (the HWT Trust). With the recent Budget 24 changes to the Centre's future funding, the HWT Trust will work with the Centre Director, VUW and DPMC to consider the implications of the changes to funding and options for a future operating model.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely



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