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Tēnā koe Hone

Official Information Act 1982 request for information regarding the Māori Innovation team

Thank you for your email of 2 August 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- The total number of employees and contractors engaged by Callaghan's "Māori Innovation Group".
- The total annual budgeted costs for the present financial year attributable to Callaghan's "Māori Innovation Group".
- The total annual budgeted salary costs for the present financial year attributable to Callaghan's "Māori Innovation Group".

The total number of employees and contractors engaged by the Māori Innovation team is six full-time equivalent (FTE) staff.

The total annual budgeted costs for the present financial year attributed to the Māori Innovation team is 2.5 million.

After careful consideration, we have determined that we must withhold the specific budgeted salary information for the Māori Innovation team, under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the protection of the privacy of individuals. Due to the small size of the team, releasing the budgeted salary information could lead to speculation of individual salaries, which would infringe upon the privacy of the team members.

In accordance with the "public interest" test under section 9(1) of the Act, I do not consider the withholding of this information to be outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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