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Tēnā koe James

**Official Information Act (OIA) request: Koha**

On 5 August 2024, you contacted Stats NZ requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Under the OIA please provide all instances if any, where Koha of more than \$1,000 has been from November 2017 to December 2023. This should include the amount, recipient and date the Koha was given.*

On 2 September 2024, in accordance with section 15A of the Act, the time limit to make a decision on this request was extended to 13 September 2024.

We have interpreted your request as being for instances where an individual or organisation has received koha of more than \$1,000 from Stats NZ. During the period requested there have also been bulk purchases of gift cards totaling more than \$1,000. Individual recipients of these gift cards would have typically received \$20 - \$40 worth of gift cards, therefore these have not been included in our response.

Stats NZ has a Koha Policy in place to provide Stats NZ staff with guidance around the tikanga when giving or receiving koha. When used by Stats NZ, koha describes the customary practice of reciprocal gift giving through which relationships are built, strengthened, enhanced and maintained.

Please see below for a table of koha given in the period between November 2017 – December 2023.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Value (\$)</b>	<b>Date Given</b>
Data Venture Clients	3,592	Dec-21
Kia Tioro Te Reo o Ngatiwai – Whānau Day	1,000	Oct-22
Te Rourou Vodafone Foundation	1,739	Dec-22
Waiariki Whanau Mentoring Limited	2,000	Mar-23
The Lifewise Trust	2,500	Mar-23
Red Whanau Touch tournament	2,012	Mar-23
Congregational Christian Church in Samoa - Manukau	1,000	Apr-23
Puaseisei Atia'e Trust	1,000	Apr-23
The Samoan Congregational Christian Church of New Zealand Mangere Trust T/A EFKS Taeaoafua	2,000	Apr-23

Tongan Church	1,000	May-23
Barbers at Suicide Awareness	1,200	May-23
Congregational Christian Church in Samoa - Manukau	3,000	May-23
Puaseisei Atia'e Trust	1,000	May-23
Tawharau Wanikau Numia Mohi	1,000	May-23
Tawharau Wanikau Numia Mohi	2,000	Jun-23
Organiser – Crafting of Taonga for Raukawa iwi and fixing of Taonga for Ngaa Rauru iwi	1,525	Aug-23
Facilitators – Pacific Engagement ava ceremony	1,200	Aug-23

Additionally, Stats NZ partnered with various groups/organisations to assist with the collection of 2023 Census responses. This enabled collection through community events, and alongside trusted community members, especially for harder to reach groups. Some payments made from the 2023 Census Programme to these operational partners were categorised as koha under those contracts. Note that these particular payments were associated with specific deliverables within those contracts or covered the entirety of the agreements. Further details are included below where applicable.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Value (\$)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Notes (where applicable)</b>
Kahungunu Whanau Services	20,000	Oct-22	Lump sum per contract – to assist Census engagement and collection
He Whānau Manaaki o Tararua	10,000	Jan-23	Assisted Census completion activity
Kairākau Ārahi	10,000	Feb-23	Lump sum on acceptance of contract – to assist Census engagement and collection
Tauranga Moana - Poutiri Trust	15,000	Feb-23	For staffing of operational events where Census engagement and collection occurred
Te Awara Whanau Ora	6,000	Feb-23	Acknowledgement of various collaboration activities for Census
ATown Boxing	2,000	Feb-23	Community engagement and support to Census collection
Prisoners Aid & Reintegration Society of the Taranaki District (PARS)	5,000	Feb-23	Acknowledgement of various collaboration activities for Census
Fordlands Community Centre T/A Ko Te Tuara Totara O Fordlands Inc.	3,000	Feb-23	Lump sum on acceptance of contract – to assist Census engagement and collection
Wera Aotearoa Charitable Trust (WACT)	10,000	Feb-23	To cover dedicated project worker that worked

			alongside and supported Census
Southside on Wheels	1,500	Feb-23	Census engagement and collection event
Manurewa Marae	10,000	Feb-23	Lump sum on acceptance of contract – to assist Census engagement and collection
Waiariki Maori Womens Welfare League	36,000	Feb-23	Whole of contract cost – assisted Census
Manawatu Prisoner Aid and Rehabilitation (PARS)	3,620	Feb-23	Acknowledgement of various collaboration activities for Census
Te Ahiwaru Trust	10,000	Feb-23	Lump sum on acceptance of contract – to assist Census engagement and collection
Manukau I Matu	4,000	Feb-23	Lump sum on acceptance of contract to support Census
Anglican Parish of East Christchurch	1,000	Feb-23	Support for Census
Papakura Marae	10,000	Feb-23	Lump sum on acceptance of contract – to assist Census engagement and collection
Waiariki Whanau Mentoring – Whakatāne	2,000	Mar-23	Lump sum on acceptance of contract to support Census
Te Arawa Lakes Trust	50,000	Mar-23	Staff and support for three specified Census focused events; Support in enumeration in the Lakes District and Marae that have Papa Kainga; Messaging to clients and networks; Waea Mai – messaging of encouragement; Time spent on planning and setup of partnership and events
Communicare CMA (Auckland) Incorporated	1,000	Mar-23	To assist Census engagement and collection
Maungakiekie CCCS Governance (Youth Group)	5,000	Mar-23	Whole of contract cost – to assist Census engagement and collection
Ellerslie Eagles Rugby League	1,000	Apr-23	Lump sum on acceptance of contract to support Census

Pacific Island Advisory Charitable Trust	10,000	Apr-23	Support for engagement and collection of hard-to-reach respondents for 2023 Census
Poverty Bay Rugby Football Union	50,000	Apr-23	Whole of contract cost to support Census: \$20,000 upon acceptance; \$20,000 across events April-May 2023; \$10,000 upon completion. Provision of community events and to assist Census engagement and collection post-cyclone Gabrielle in East Coast
Te Aitanga-a-Hauiti	10,000	Apr-23	Whole of contract cost to support Census
Christchurch Resettlement Services	10,000	May-23	Whanau support and translation services to support Census
Housing First Otautahi	10,000	May-23	Kaewa support – to go to individual workers supporting Census collection
Hawkes Bay Rugby Union	25,000	May-23	Whole of contract cost. Provision of community events and to assist Census engagement and collection post-cyclone Gabrielle in East Coast
Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust	20,000	May-23	Whole of contract cost – to assist Census engagement and collection
Ngāti Hinemanu	20,000	May-23	Whole of contract cost – to assist Census engagement and collection
PolyActive	40,000	May-23	Whole of contract cost – to assist Census engagement and collection
Ngati Porou East Coast Rugby Football Union	15,000	May-23	Whole of contract cost. Provision of community events and to assist Census engagement and collection post-cyclone Gabrielle in East Coast
Papakura Sea Eagles Rugby League and Sports Club Incorporated	1,000	Jun-23	Following assistance with Census form completions

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact Stats NZ at: [OfficeoftheGSCE@stats.govt.nz](mailto:OfficeoftheGSCE@stats.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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

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Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Phimmavanh', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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