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Tēnā koe Cooper

**OIA: 1336577 – Pūhoro STEMM Academy**

Thank you for your email of 21 September 2024 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information *regarding the Pūhoro STEMM Academy, specifically for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023:*

- 1. All correspondence between the Ministry and the Academy. If this scope is too broad, I specifically request all correspondence related to:
  - Funding provided to the Academy.
  - Outcomes of students participating in Academy programs.*
- 2. Copies of all reports related to the Academy, not limited to annual reports, but including any evaluations, assessments, or reviews submitted to or produced by the Ministry.*
- 3. Detailed information on all forms of funding provided to the Academy, including but not limited to grants, scholarships, and operational funding.*
- 4. Copies of all invoices paid by the Ministry to the Academy, along with details of the corresponding services or goods provided.*
- 5. Any advice provided to the Minister of Education concerning the Pūhoro STEMM Academy, including briefings, memos, and policy recommendations.*

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

Regarding **part one** of your request, I am releasing 11 emails as **Appendix A**, and four attachments as set out in the **Appendix A Document Table**.

Regarding **part two** of your request, I am releasing five documents in part and one if full as **Appendix B**, as set out in the **Appendix B Document Table**.

Regarding **part three** of your request, I am releasing two documents in part as **Appendix C**, as set out in the **Appendix C Document Table**.



Regarding **part four** of your request, I am partially releasing 12 documents to you: Six invoices as **Appendix D**, as set out in the **Appendix D Document Table**; and six memoranda as **Appendix E**, as set out in the **Appendix E Document Table**.

Regarding **part five** of your request, I am releasing two documents in part and two in full as **Appendix F**, as set out in the **Appendix F Document Table**.

Please note that some information in these appendices has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
- 9(2)(ba)(ii) to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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## Document Table Appendix A

#	Date	From	To	Subject	Decision on release
1	11 Jul 2022	Kemp Reweti	Renee Davis	Pre-briefing Document for Mid-Year Activity Verbal Report Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) of the Act.
1A	Attachment: Pre-reading Briefing Document MoE & Pūhoro 2022.pdf				<b>Released in full.</b>
2	1 Dec 2022	Kemp Reweti	Sheryl Waru	FW: Pūhoro Data	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) of the Act.
2A	Attachment: Pūhoro Internship Booklet				Partially released in part two of the response as Document 6 of Appendix B.  Please note some information has been withheld from the document under section xx of the Act
2B	Attachment: Annual Report 2021-2022 Final.pdf				Partially released in part two of the response as Document 3 of Appendix B.  Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
3	30 Mar 2023	Kemp Reweti	Sheryl Waru	Data Kura	<b>Released in full.</b>
4	30 May 2023	Kemp Reweti	Sheryl Waru	Payment Schedules	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
5	30 Jun 2023	Kemp Reweti	Sheryl Waru	Re: Invitation	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) of the Act.

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6	3 Jul 2023	Kemp Reweti	Sheryl Waru	Re: Variation agreement	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) of the Act.
	Attachment: Outcome Agreement Signed PCT				Partially released in part three of the response as Document 2 of Appendix C.  Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
7	24 Jul 2023	Kemp Reweti	Sheryl Waru	Gazette Connection	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) of the Act.
8	24 Jul 2023	Kemp Reweti	Kimiora McAllister, [email address withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act]	Re: Education Gazette Kaupapa	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) of the Act.
9	8 Aug 2023	Kemp Reweti	Office of Hon Kelvin Davis	Pūhoro STEMM Academy update	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) of the Act.
9A	Attachment: Letter to Minister Kelvin Davis				<b>Partially released.</b> Partially released in part five of the response as Document 1 of Appendix F.  Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
10	16 Aug 2023	Kemp Reweti	Sheryl Waru	Te Tai Tokerau Wānanga + Rangatahi Feedback	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) of the Act.
11	2 Nov 2023	Kemp Reweti	Amanda Kirby	Re: E mihi ana	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) of the Act.

## Document Table Appendix B

#	Date	Document Title	Decision on release
1	2019-2021	Strategy Plan 2019-2021 Pūhoro he waka eke noa	<b>Released in full</b>
2		Pūhoro Stem Academy – Phase one evaluation summary	<b>Released in full</b>
3	2021-2022	Annual Report: Pūhoro Charitable Trust Pūrongo-Ā-Tau 2021-2022	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
4		Report: Pūhoro He Waka Eke Noa	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) of the Act.
5	Nov 2022	Ministry of Education and Pūhoro Partnership Proposal Summary Slide Deck	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act
6	2022-2023	Pūhoro He Waka Eke Noa, Pūhoro Charitable Trust Summer Internship Programme	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) of the Act.

## Document Table Appendix C

#	Date	Document Title	Decision on release
1	28 Jun 2021	Funding Agreement: Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board, STEMM Partnership Funding, The Ministry of Education & Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
2	8 Jun 2023	Outcome Agreement for Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board (Variation 1). Between Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board and Ministry of Education MOE11407 (Variation 1)	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.

## Document Table Appendix D

#	Date	Document Title	Decision on release
1	28 Jun 2021	Tax Invoice number INV-0003 from the Ministry of Education to Pūhoro STEMM Partnership Funding + Establishment Payment released upon counter signed agreement	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
2	31 Aug 2021	Tax Invoice number INV-0006 from the Ministry of Education to Pūhoro Milestone 2: Mid-Year activity verbal report 30 July 2021	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
3	28 Feb 2022	Tax Invoice number INV-0052 from the Ministry of Education to Pūhoro Milestone 3: Annual written report – 30 Jun 2022	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
4	20 Jul 2022	Tax Invoice number INV-0080 from the Ministry of Education to Pūhoro Mid-Year Activity Verbal Report	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
5	20 Jan 2023	Tax Invoice number INV-0108 from the Ministry of Education to Pūhoro Milestone 5: Pūhoro Annual Written Report	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
6	30 Jun 2023	Tax Invoice number INV-0161 from the Ministry of Education to Pūhoro Operational payment released upon counter signed agreement and Mid-Year verbal reporting – 20 July 2023	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.

## Document Table Appendix E

#	Date	Document Title	Decision on release
1	7 Jul 2021	Memo: Approval to receipt Payment #1 for Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board STEMM Partnership Funding Agreement	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
2	7 Sep 2021	Approval to receipt Payment #2 for the Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board STEMM Partnership Funding Agreement	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
3	19 Mar 2022	Approval to receipt Payment #3 for the Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board STEMM Partnership Funding Agreement	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
4	26 Jul 2022	Approval to receipt Payment #4 for the Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board STEMM Partnership Funding Agreement	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
5	20 Jan 2023	Approval to receipt Payment #5 for the Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board STEMM Partnership Funding Agreement	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
6	11 Jul 2023	Approval to receipt Payment #6 for the Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board STEMM Partnership Funding Agreement	<b>Partially released.</b> Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.



## Document Table Appendix F

#	Date	METIS #	Title	Decision on release
1	14 Jul 2022		Letter to Kelvin Davis	<b>Release in part.</b> Information has been withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
2	14 Oct 2022	1297754	Briefing Note: Pūhoro STEMM launch event in Tai Tokerau on 21 October 2022	<b>Released in part.</b> Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
3	1 Nov 2022		Education Weekly Update, item from 1 November, Pūhoro Charitable Trust 2022	<b>Released in part.</b> Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
4	18 Nov 2022	1298129	Rapid Response: Press Release questions and answers - MoE funding to Pūhoro, future of STEMM,	<b>Released in full.</b>