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Via FYI: [fyi-request-28562-2b6b4372@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-28562-2b6b4372@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe Gerald

Thank you for your request, received on 27 September 2024, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Please can you provide the documents detailing the viability of each Polytechnic. This in relation to the article published by Stuff on 26/09.*

The report which prompted the article on Stuff, is a report drafted by Te Pūkenga titled *Financial Viability Analysis*. I am providing you a copy of Te Pūkenga's report, along with additional Tertiary Education Commission papers that are in scope of your request. I refer you to the titles referenced in the following table.

In accordance with the Official Information Act, I am withholding some information in the released documents. Redactions are clearly marked in the documents, with the following reasons for the redactions, as applicable:

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Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Fowler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Fowler  
Chief Executive  
Tertiary Education Commission

## Information released under the Official Information Act (1982)

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Item No	Date	Document Type	Title	Reference/ Notes	Release
1	01 Feb 2024	Aide Memoire	AM-24-00056 - Financial modelling of ITP performance		Release with information withheld under 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(g)(i), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(i)
2	11 Jun 2024	Aide Memoire	AM-24-00390 - Modelling of future ITP performance		Release with information withheld under 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(g)(i), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(i)
3	21 Jun 2024	Aide Memoire	AM-24-00494 - Updated ITP forecasts		Release with information withheld under 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(g)(i)
4	18 Jun 2024	Appendix	Te Pukenga Report: Financial Viability Analysis		Release with information withheld under 9(2)(b)(ii)
5	09 Jul 2024	Aide Memoire	AM-24-00518 - Update on ITP financial sustainability		Withheld under 9(2)(f)(iv) pending cabinet decisions
6	09 Sep 2024	Aide Memoire	AM-24-00707 - Update on the regional ITP viability programme		Withheld under 9(2)(f)(iv) Under active consideration