

From: OIA <oiagr@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, March 6 2023 5:19 PM
To: James <fyi-request-21546-fa9bb448@requests.fyi.org.nz>
Subject: Response to your request for information, H2023019104 CRM:0131121



H2023019104
Response_signed.pdf

Refer to Document 1A

Kia ora James

Please find attached a letter regarding your request for official information. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

OIA Services Team
Manatū Hauora

From: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:45 PM
To: Kurt George <Kurt.George@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: OIA for Robyn's e-sig



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response_v2.pdf

Refer to Document 1A

Signed

Sue

From: Kurt George <Kurt.George@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 6 March 2023 4:27 pm
To: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Subject: OIA for Robyn's e-sig

Kia ora Sue

For Robyn's e-sig, please. Copied Jan in here in case I've gone home 😊

Ngā mihi

Kurt George

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From: Phil Knipe <Phil.Knipe@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:04 PM

To: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>; Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>;
Celia Wellington <Celia.Wellington@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: OIA H2023019104 - due 6 March CRM:0230053

Nothing further from me.

Cheers,

Phil

From: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:58:53 PM

To: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>; Phil Knipe <Phil.Knipe@health.govt.nz>;
Celia Wellington <Celia.Wellington@health.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: OIA H2023019104 - due 6 March CRM:0230053

Many thanks Claire – appreciate your help with this OIA.

Kia ora [@Phil Knipe](#) and [@Celia Wellington](#) the current response is currently with Robyn for DDG sign off, but in case you had any further comments please let me know and I will pass it along:

 [H2023019104 Draft response v2.docx](#)

DGA and the Media team have also been sighted on this response.

Thanks for your assistance team.

Ngā mihi

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

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Waea pūkoro: s 9(2)(a)

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From: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 6 March 2023 3:45 pm

To: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Phil Knipe <Phil.Knipe@health.govt.nz>; Celia Wellington <Celia.Wellington@health.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: OIA H2023019104 - due 6 March CRM:0230053

Kia ora Jan

I don't have anything further to add to this response, and Phil Knipe has been involved in this so I've copied him and Celia Wellington in for completeness.

I've not had a direct conversation with Robyn about this, but as you know, I drafted another response previously, but the discretion does sit with Robyn to change this because she is signing it out.

Thanks

Claire McMahon (she/her)

Group Manager People & Capability

Corporate Services

§ 9(2)(a)

claire.mcmahon@health.govt.nz

Manatū Hauora, 133 Molesworth Street

Thorndon, Wellington 6011



From: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 6 March 2023 3:40 pm

To: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: OIA H2023019104 - due 6 March CRM:0230053

Kia ora Claire – as discussed. Some revisions to the response letter from SPM: [H2023019104 Draft response v2.docx](#). Let me know if there are any issues

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

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Waea pūkoro: § 9(2)(a)

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From: Kristy Powell <Kristy.Powell@health.govt.nz> **On Behalf Of** DG Advisory
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:26 PM
To: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: OIA H2023019104 M Tukaki - due 6 March CRM:0230053

Thank you Jan, no worries from us.

Ngā mihi

Kristy

Director-General Advisory
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Manatū Hauora
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From: Jan Torres
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:25 PM
To: Peta Baily Gibson <Peta.BailyGibson@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Peter Abernethy <peter.abernethy@health.govt.nz>; Meredith Barker <Meredith.Barker@health.govt.nz>; mohoia <mohoia@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: OIA update - H2023019104

Hi team

Just a heads up there's been some revisions to the proposed response to this OIA following discussions between Robyn and People and Capability: [H2023019104 Draft response v2.docx](#)

DGA has been given a heads up, the response is back with Robyn for DDG sign off. We're hoping to get this response out today.

Please feel free to give me a buzz if there are issues

Ngā mihi

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatore Kāwanatanga

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Waea pūkoro: s 9(2)(a)

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From: Jan Torres

Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:23 PM

To: Lisa McPhail <Lisa.McPhail@health.govt.nz>; DG Advisory <dgadvisory@health.govt.nz>; Sarah Turner <Sarah.Turner@health.govt.nz>; Megan McCoy <Megan.McCoy@health.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: OIA H2023019104 M Tukaki - due 6 March CRM:0230053

Kia ora Lisa

Just a heads the response had gone through some revisions following discussions between Robyn and Claire/People and Capability. The proposed response is available here: [H2023019104 Draft response v2.docx](#) and is currently with Robyn for DDG sign off.

I'll be in touch if there are any further updates/changes.

[@DG Advisory](#) hi team, copying you in as per Lisa's out of office.

[@Sarah Turner](#) [@Megan McCoy](#) FYI only.

Please feel free to get in touch if there are any queries.

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

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From: Jan Torres

Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:22 PM

To: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: OIA H2023019104 - due 6 March CRM:0230053

Kia ora Kurt

Thanks for dropping by – revised letter as discussed: [H2023019104 Draft response v2.docx](#)

Let me know if there are issues. I've given DGA/Lisa heads up

Ngā mihi

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

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From: Jan Torres
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:55 PM
To: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: OIA H2023019104 - due 6 March CRM:0230053
Importance: High

Kia ora team

Just checking in on this OIA, due out to the requester today. Do we have any updates please?

Ngā mihi

Jan Torres
Manager | OIA Services
Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakaterere Kāwanatanga
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From: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 27 February 2023 10:12 am
To: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: OIA H2023019104 - due 6 March CRM:0230053

Thanks for the update Kurt, appreciate it.

Feel free to give me a buzz if there are any issues. I'll be in touch during the week to check in.

Have a good week

Ngā mihi

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

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From: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 24 February 2023 3:35 pm

To: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: OIA H2023019104 - due 6 March CRM:0230053

Thanks, Jan. I have sent this for Kiri for review. Robyn may take up some light duties from next week, so we may have this one out the door earlier than March 3rd when she was originally scheduled to return.

Ngā mihi

Kurt

Office of the Deputy Chief Executive | *Te Pou Mahi Pūnaha* | *System Performance*

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<http://www.health.govt.nz>

From: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 22 February 2023 12:16 pm

To: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>

Subject: OIA H2023019104 - due 6 March CRM:0230053

Kia ora Kurt

Hope you're having a nice day. As discussed, here is the link to the draft response for this OIA – ready for sign out within SPM: [Final \(Due 6 March 2023\)](#) I understand SPO will handle consultations with Mr Tukaki directly.

As noted by Claire below, please advise if there are any changes to the proposed response.

I've also provided a provisional copy to Lisa/DGA while we await DDG sign off.

Appreciate your help, please sign out if there is anything you need from our end.

Ngā mihi

Jan Torres
Manager | OIA Services
Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga
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From: Lisa McPhail <lisa.mcphail@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 22 February 2023 1:53 pm
To: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: OIA H2023019104 M Tukaki - due 6 March CRM:0230053

Thanks Jan, much appreciated.

Response looks fine to me.


Can I please have a heads-up if the response changes materially during sign-out?

Thanks

Lisa

From: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 22 February 2023 12:26 pm
To: Lisa McPhail <Lisa.McPhail@health.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: OIA H2023019104 M Tukaki - due 6 March CRM:0230053

Kia ora Lisa

Sending this your way for DGA's sighting. I understand DGA is already across this Tukaki OIA:  [Final \(Due 6 March 2023\)](#)

The draft response was provided by People and Capability and is currently undergoing sign out within SPM.

Please advise if you have any queries at this time, I will let you know once the letter has been signed off/ if there are any changes to the current draft.

Many thanks

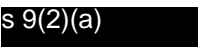
Ngā mihi

Jan Torres

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Waea pūkoro:  § 9(2)(a)

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From: Claire McMahon <claire.mcmahon@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 21 February 2023 10:22 am
To: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Celia Wellington <celia.wellington@health.govt.nz>; Phil Knipe <phil.knipe@health.govt.nz>; Sarah Turner <sarah.turner@health.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Kia ora Jan

Please find below a draft response to this OIA. SPM are the lead on this OIA, and I recommend they review this, consult with the employee mentioned to give him the opportunity to provide feedback/input, then it can be signed out by SPM. If there are any changes to this draft, I will also need to see it again before it progresses to sign out.

Let me know if I can assist with anything else.

Thanks

In Matthew Tukaki's previous role for Suicide Prevention Australia he clearly states in the annual financial report June 30, 2020 which is publicly available online, his qualifications as the following:

Post Graduate Diploma in Diplomacy and Negotiations (VU),

Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS,WU),

NZ Certificate in Business (BOP/MT),

International Government Certificate in Knowledge Management (IGKM).

Please provide any qualifications Mr Tukaki listed in his CV when applying for the role as Director, Suicide Prevention and if these qualifications were checked as part of the recruitment process. I note privacy issues can't be a concern as Mr Tukaki has already publicly published his qualifications as per the annual report and the Ombudsman has already ruled this information can be released in the case of 1News.

Draft Response

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Claire McMahon (she/her)
Group Manager People & Capability
Corporate Services
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From: Toni Roberts <toni.roberts@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 17 February 2023 12:00 PM
To: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Claire McMahon <claire.mcmahon@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Mōrena Jan,

No problem at all. Claire is working on this in the background and will come back to you next week. She is back in the office from Monday next week. 😊

Hope you have a good weekend – nice to see some sunshine out there now.

Toni

From: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 17 February 2023 10:05 am
To: Toni Roberts <Toni.Roberts@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Mōrena Toni

Apologies to drop this on you – I understand Claire may have been looking after this OIA prior to her going on leave.

I'm just checking in to see if there had been any updates? The scope of the request is:

In Matthew Tukaki's previous role for Suicide Prevention Australia he clearly states in the annual financial report June 30, 2020 which is publicly available online, his qualifications as the following:

Post Graduate Diploma in Diplomacy and Negotiations (VU),

Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS,WU),

NZ Certificate in Business (BOP/MT),

International Government Certificate in Knowledge Management (IGKM).

Please provide any qualifications Mr Tukaki listed in his CV when applying for the role as Director, Suicide Prevention and if these qualifications were checked as part of the recruitment process. I note privacy issues can't be a concern as Mr Tukaki has already publicly published his qualifications as per the annual report and the Ombudsman has already ruled this information can be released in the case of 1News.

Please feel free to give me a ring to discuss. Appreciate your assistance

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

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From: Caroline Rotich <a64f77c08a07430082386cbb7cb8fdb0Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 17 February 2023 9:52 AM

To: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>

Subject: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Kia ora Jan,

As discussed,

Ngā mihi

Caroline

Advisor OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

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E: caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz

From: Caroline Rotich <a64f77c08a07430082386cbb7cb8fdb0Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 17 February 2023 9:32 AM

To: Claire McMahon <claire.mcmahon@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Kia ora Claire,

Following up on this OIA request- did you have a chance to look at it?

Ngā mihi

Caroline

Advisor OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

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E: caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz

From: Caroline Rotich <Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 12:56 PM
To: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Sure thing! Much appreciated.

Ngā mihi

Caroline

Advisor OIA Services
Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga
Manatū Hauora
E: caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz

From: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 12:55 PM
To: Caroline Rotich <Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Thanks Caroline, I'm looking at this today and will come back to you ASAP.

Thanks

Claire McMahon (she/her)
Group Manager People & Capability
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Thorndon, Wellington 6011





From: Caroline Rotich <Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 15 February 2023 12:02 pm
To: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053


Kia ora Claire,

The request is

In Matthew Tukaki's previous role for Suicide Prevention Australia he clearly states in the annual financial report June 30, 2020 which is publicly available online, his qualifications as the following:

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- *Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS,WU),*
- *NZ Certificate in Business (BOP/MT),*
- *International Government Certificate in Knowledge Management (IGKM).*

Please provide any qualifications Mr Tukaki listed in his CV when applying for the role as Director, Suicide Prevention and if these qualifications were checked as part of the recruitment process. I note privacy issues can't be a concern as Mr Tukaki has already publicly published his qualifications as per the annual report and the Ombudsman has already ruled this information can be released in the case of 1News.

Here is the link with the draft ,previous response (Ref H2022018477) and other documents.  [Final \(Due 13 Feb 2023\)](#)

The request was originally due on 13 Feb but I requested for additional 2 weeks- I hope we can get it out the door soon.

Ngā mihi

Caroline

Advisor OIA Services
Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga
Manatū Hauora
E: caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz

From: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 11:10 AM
To: Caroline Rotich <Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Hi Caroline,

Are you able to send me the original question for this OIA request?

I'll take another look at it today.

Thanks

Claire McMahon (she/her)
Group Manager People & Capability
Corporate Services
s 9(2)(a)
claire.mcmahon@health.govt.nz
Manatū Hauora, 133 Molesworth Street
Thorndon, Wellington 6011



From: Caroline Rotich <Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 13 February 2023 11:01 am

To: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Kia ora Claire,

SPM advised they have no input for this OIA request until you have seen it from a HR perspective alternatively if you are happy we can refuse as suggested below.

Many thanks,

Caroline

From: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>;

Received: Mon Feb 13 2023 18:21:10 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)

To: Caroline Rotich <caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz>; Caroline Rotich <a64f77c08a07430082386cbb7cb8fdb0Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>;

Subject: RE: H2023019104 -Matthew Tukaki qualifications CRM:0230053

Thanks Caroline – just replying for completeness.

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

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Waea pūkoro: **s 9(2)(a)**

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From: Caroline Rotich <Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 13 February 2023 3:29 pm

To: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Subject: H2023019104 -Matthew Tukaki qualifications CRM:0230053

Kia ora Jan,

Requesting a 3-week extension for this OIA as I haven't received any input from HR team and as you mentioned DGA will need to sight it.

Ngā mihi

Caroline

Advisor OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

Manatū Hauora

E: caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz

From: Caroline Rotich <a64f77c08a07430082386cbb7cb8fdb0Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 13 February 2023 3:25 pm
To: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Kia ora Claire,

SPM advised they have no input for this OIA request until you have seen it from a HR perspective alternatively if you are happy we can refuse as suggested below.

Many thanks,

Caroline

----- Original Message -----

From: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>;
Received: Thu Feb 09 2023 13:23:06 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: Caroline Rotich <caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz>; Caroline Rotich <caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz>;
Cc: Sue Myhill <sue.myhill@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: Re: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Thanks, Caroline.

The last we heard from our end on this OIA was that we were unsure of what our further input should be until Claire McMahon (she has been involved closely with the hiring process for the individual concerned and the subsequent OIAs that have resulted) had seen it with her HR perspective.

s 9(2)(a), s 9(2)(g)(i)

Are we able to quickly run this past Claire before we go to Robyn?

Ngā mihi

Office of the Deputy Chief Executive | *Te Pou Mahi Pūnaha* | System Performance
Manatū Hauora - Ministry of Health | Email: SPM@health.govt.nz
<http://www.health.govt.nz>

From: Caroline Rotich <Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 9 February 2023 9:36 am
To: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Kia ora SPM,

I checked with the Toni Roberts who referred me to Di Corderoy. Corporate services are awaiting your input before they can do a review -I have attached the trail for your reference.

Ngā mihi

Caroline

Advisor OIA Services
Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga
Manatū Hauora
E: caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz

From: Di Corderoy <di.corderoy@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 February 2023 12:30 pm
To: Caroline Rotich <caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz>; Caroline Rotich <a64f77c08a07430082386cbb7cb8fdb0Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>

Cc: OIA <oiagr@health.govt.nz>; OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2023019104 -Matthew Tukaki qualifications CRM:0230053

Kia ora Caroline

I'm sorry to hear that this OIA has been bouncing around. Just to clarify, it's my understanding as communicated in the email train below, this OIA is not being led or managed by Corporate Services. This will sit with SPM to respond, draft a response and sign out with their DDG. And given they are already managing a similar request, it makes sense they are across both for consistency.

I am aware that Claire had previously provided some input to a similar OIA which SPM are of course free to use as appropriate. I can get the relevant SME to review any response and provide advice but I am unable to do that given a draft is yet to be completed by SPM.

Ngā mihi

Di

From: Caroline Rotich <Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 31 January 2023 2:33 pm
To: Di Corderoy <Di.Corderoy@health.govt.nz>
Subject: H2023019104 -Matthew Tukaki qualifications CRM:0230053

Kia ora Di,

We have an OIA request re: Matthew Tukaki's qualifications that has bounced around a bit and the due date is fast approaching. We received a similar one before and we had some lines from Claire McMahon. We are requesting your input in Claire's absence.

Here is the link  [Final \(Due 13 Feb 2023\)](#)

Ngā mihi

Caroline

Advisor OIA Services

**Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga
Manatū Hauora**

E: caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz

From: Toni Roberts <toni.roberts@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 31 January 2023 10:38 am
To: Caroline Rotich <caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz>; Caroline Rotich <a64f77c08a07430082386cbb7cb8fdb0Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2023019104 -Matthew Tukaki qualifications CRM:0230053

Hi Caroline,

Do you have the response that Claire provided?

Di Corderoy is acting for Claire so she will need eyes over this as the sign out – perhaps send that on to Di as I hope it's a similar response to the last OIA.

Toni

From: Caroline Rotich <Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 31 January 2023 10:36 am
To: Toni Roberts <Toni.Roberts@health.govt.nz>
Subject: H2023019104 -Matthew Tukaki qualifications CRM:0230053

Kia ora Toni,

We have received an OIA request re: Matthew Tukaki's qualifications that has bounced around a bit and the due date is fast approaching. We received a similar one before and we had some lines from Claire McMahon. Would you/your team be the right team to provide input in Claire's absence?

Please advise or point me to the right team. Here is the link [Final \(Due 13 Feb 2023\)](#)

Ngā mihi

Caroline

Advisor OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

Manatū Hauora

E: caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz

Working days : Tuesday to Friday

From: Caroline Rotich <caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz>

Sent: 26 January 2023 6:04 PM

To: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Sue Myhill <sue.myhill@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Kia ora SPM,

Thanks for getting back -I also had one similar OIA and Claire contributed to part of the request. I will check with Toni Roberts.

Ngā mihi

Caroline

Advisor OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

Manatū Hauora

E: caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz

Working days : Tuesday to Friday

From: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>

Sent: 26 January 2023 5:59 PM

To: Caroline Rotich <caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz>; Caroline Rotich <a64f77c08a07430082386cbb7cb8fdb0Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Sue Myhill <sue.myhill@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Hi Caroline

Claire MacMahon, who contributed to the other related OIA that Laura handled, is out of office for a while. Do we have another contact in People and Capability to see if they have what we need?

I've copied in Sue Myhill as she was heavily involved with this requester's previous OIA. I think though, as the request is about qualifications checks, that this response will hinge more on HR process rather than Robyn's involvement with the recruitment process.

Ngā mihi

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Manatū Hauora - Ministry of Health | Email: SPM@health.govt.nz

From: Kiri Richards <kiri.richards@health.govt.nz>
Sent: 26 January 2023 5:57 PM
To: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Thanks Kurt. And yes, I'll give Matt a heads up.

Kiri Richards (she/her)

Associate Deputy Director-General (Acting) | Mental Health and Addiction | *Te Pou Mahi Pūnaha* | System Performance

Kiri.Richards@health.govt.nz | s 9(2)(a) | Manatū Hauora, 133 Molesworth Street, Wellington 6011



Note: If this email reaches you out of hours, I don't expect a response outside of your working hours. It's just a convenient time for me to send an email.

From: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>
Sent: 26 January 2023 4:09 PM
To: Kiri Richards <kiri.richards@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Kia ora Kiri

FYI please find below another OIA re Matthew Tukaki.

I believe it was agreed that you would remain the single point of contact for Matthew in regard to the constant OIA requests and that you would inform him of any further incoming requests. Please let us know if we have that wrong.

This one is similar to the previous request enquiring about CV checks done by the Ministry. This is essentially asking if we did due diligence on his qualifications.

The requester is the same "James" through the FYI website (using a website-generated email address). This second OIA from James has raised questions in the Office about our response to requesters who are unable to be identified by name or email address. We will raise our concerns with the Government Services group.

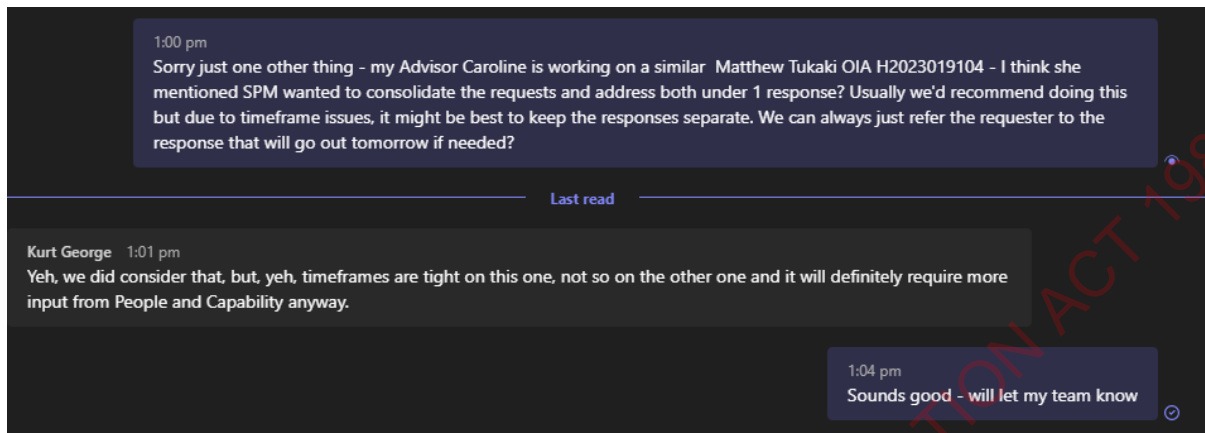
Ngā mihi

Kurt

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Manatū Hauora - Ministry of Health | Email: SPM@health.govt.nz
<http://www.health.govt.nz>

From: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>
Sent: 26 January 2023 1:06 PM
To: Caroline Rotich <a64f77c08a07430082386cbb7cb8fdb0Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>;
Caroline Rotich <caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz>; Laura McIlhone <laura.mcilhone@health.govt.nz>;
Laura McIlhone <6b1bc49735444d5f8c3624c01f770c1aLaura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Matthew Tukaki OIAs H2023019104 H2022018477 CRM:0230053 CRM:0117200

For your records – no need to consolidate



Jan Torres
Manager | OIA Services
Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga
Manatū Hauora
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From: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>
Sent: 20 January 2023 1:55 PM
To: Lisa McPhail <lisa.mcphail@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Kia ora Lisa

Forwarding for your information an OIA request commissioned to the SPM directorate on Matthew Tukaki.

We understand that you have been informed of two other related cases with SPM: H2022018477 and H2022018370.

We will coordinate that any response from us to these requests comes past you before sending.

Ngā mihi

Office of the Deputy Chief Executive | *Te Pou Mahi Pūnaha* | System Performance
Manatū Hauora - Ministry of Health | Email: SPM@health.govt.nz
<http://www.health.govt.nz>

From: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>

Sent: 19 January 2023 4:00 PM

To: Caroline Rotich <caroline.rotich@health.govt.nz>; Caroline Rotich
<a64f77c08a07430082386cbb7cb8fdb0Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Hi Caroline

Looks like same requester and fairly closely related request to another one that we're working on (H2022018477). I believe Laura McIlhone is running that.

It's probably appropriate for us to take this one on, too, although I think the nature of the request means the bulk of the contribution comes from People and Capability.

Ngā mihi

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Manatū Hauora - Ministry of Health | Email: SPM@health.govt.nz
<http://www.health.govt.nz>

From: Caroline Rotich <a64f77c08a07430082386cbb7cb8fdb0Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>

Sent: 19 January 2023 1:52 PM

To: SPM Mailbox <SPM@health.govt.nz>

Subject: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office CRM:0230053

Kia ora team,

Just need to confirm you are happy to pick this one up- It has bounced around a bit.

[Final \(Due 13 Feb 2023\)](#)

Many thanks,

Caroline

From: Deborah Howse <Deborah.Howse@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 January 2023 12:02 pm
To: Leigh-Anne Shierlaw <Leigh-Anne.Shierlaw@health.govt.nz>; Caroline Rotich <Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>; ODDG Corporate Services Requests <ODDG_Corporate_Services_Requests@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office
Importance: High

Yep, thanks Leigh-Anne. SPM need to lead this. And HR can provide advice and input.

Cheers.

Deborah Howse (she,her)

Manager | Office of the Deputy Director General | Corporate Services
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From: Leigh-Anne Shierlaw <Leigh-Anne.Shierlaw@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 January 2023 12:00 pm
To: Caroline Rotich <Caroline.Rotich@health.govt.nz>; ODDG Corporate Services Requests <ODDG_Corporate_Services_Requests@health.govt.nz>; Deborah Howse <Deborah.Howse@health.govt.nz>
Subject: H2023019104 - reassigned OIA to Suicide Prevention Office
Importance: High

Hi Caroline,

Deb & I have spoken to Claire and she wants the OIA H2023019104 to be assigned to the Suicide Prevention Office and please let them know that People & Capability will provide any support or knowledge that they need.

Regards,

Leigh-Anne

Leigh-Anne Shierlaw

Senior Executive Assistant to Celia Wellington
DDG Corporate Services | Te Pou Tiaki
Mobile - s 9(2)(a)

Leigh-Anne.Shierlaw@health.govt.nz

133 Molesworth Street Thorndon, Wellington 6011

From: OIA <oiagr@health.govt.nz>

Sent: 12 January 2023 10:58 AM

To: James <fyi-request-21546-fa9bb448@requests.fyi.org.nz>

Subject: Acknowledgement of your request for official information (ref: H2023019104)

CRM:0114070

Kia ora James

Thank you for your request for official information. The reference number for your request is: **H2023019104**

As required under the Official Information Act 1982, Manatū Hauora will endeavour to respond to your request no later than 20 working days after the day your request was received. If you'd like to calculate the timeframe, you can use the Ombudsman's online calculator here: <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>

If you have any queries related to this request, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Ngā mihi

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From: James <fyi-request-21546-fa9bb448@requests.fyi.org.nz>

Sent: 11 January 2023 11:09 AM

To: OIA <oiagr@health.govt.nz>; OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki qualifications

Dear Ministry of Health,

Under the Official Information Act I request the following.

In Matthew Tukaki's previous role for Suicide Prevention Australia he clearly states in the annual financial report June 30, 2020 which is publicly available online, his qualifications as the following:

Post Graduate Diploma in Diplomacy and Negotiations (VU), Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS,WU), NZ Certificate in Business (BOP/MT), International Government Certificate in Knowledge Management (IGKM).

Please provide any qualifications Mr Tukaki listed in his CV when applying for the role as Director, Suicide Prevention and if these qualifications were checked as part of the recruitment process. I note privacy issues can't be a concern as Mr Tukaki has already publicly published his qualifications as per the annual report and the Ombudsman has already ruled this information can be released in the case of 1News.

Yours faithfully,

James

This is an Official Information request made via the FYI website.

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:

fyi-request-21546-fa9bb448@requests.fyi.org.nz

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James

Email: fyi-request-21546-fa9bb448@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H2023019104

Tēnā koe James

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your follow up request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 10 January 2023 for information regarding Matthew Tukaki. You requested:

“In Matthew Tukaki’s previous role for Suicide Prevention Australia he clearly states in the annual financial report June 30, 2020 which is publicly available online, his qualifications as the following:

- 1. Post Graduate Diploma in Diplomacy and Negotiations (VU), Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS, WU), NZ Certificate in Business (BOP/MT), International Government Certificate in Knowledge Management (IGKM).*

Please provide any qualifications Mr Tukaki listed in his CV when applying for the role as Director, Suicide Prevention and if these qualifications were checked as part of the recruitment process.”

Mr Tukaki listed the appropriate experience required for the role Director of the Suicide Prevention Office. As such, Manatū Hauora is satisfied this met the requirements to progress his application and recruitment into the role.

Manatū Hauora considers both qualifications and experience in being able to undertake a leadership role such as this.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

Robyn Shearer
Deputy Director-General
System Performance and Monitoring | Te Pou Mahi Pūnaha



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DATE

James

Email: fyi-request-21546-fa9bb448@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H2023019104

Tēnā koe James

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Nāku noa, nā

Robyn Shearer
Deputy Director-General
System Performance and Monitoring | Te Pou Mahi Pūnaha

From: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 3:46 PM
To: fyi-request-21386-8df53cb8@requests.fyi.org.nz
Subject: Response to your official information act request, ref: H2022018477 (CRM:0117200)



H2022018477
Response.pdf

Refer to Document 2A

Kia ora James,

Please find attached the response for your request for official information.

Ngā mihi

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From: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>;
Received: Fri Jan 27 2023 09:13:16 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: Laura McIlhone <laura.mcilhone@health.govt.nz>; Laura McIlhone <6b1bc49735444d5f8c3624c01f770c1aLaura.Mcilhone@health.govt.nz>;
Cc: Elisabeth.Brunt@health.govt.nz <elisabeth.brunt@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>; Megan McCoy <megan.mccoy@health.govt.nz>; Sue Myhill <sue.myhill@health.govt.nz>; Elisabeth Brunt <elisabeth.brunt@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: Re: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora koutou

Apologies for the delay. Robyn has approved and signed the response. Please find approval attached.

Ngā mihi

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Manatū Hauora - Ministry of Health | Email: SPM@health.govt.nz
<http://www.health.govt.nz>

From: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2023 9:56 am
To: Lisa McPhail <Lisa.McPhail@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200) *due today*

Thanks Lisa – confirming Claire had been involved in the drafting process.

We'll give your office an FYI once the response is ready for dispatch to the requester.

Jan Torres
Manager | OIA Services
Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga
Manatū Hauora
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From: Lisa McPhail <Lisa.McPhail@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2023 9:49 am
To: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200) *due today*

Thanks Jan,

Looks ok to me – can you please confirm that these lines have been agreed by Claire or Celia also.

Many thanks

Lisa

From: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2023 9:46 am
To: Lisa McPhail <Lisa.McPhail@health.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200) *due today*

Mōrena Lisa

We've just received the signed letter from SPM – do you have any feedback on the response? We're looking to send this out today.

Thanks so much

Ngā mihi

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakaterere Kāwanatanga

Manatū Hauora

Waea pūkoro: s 9(2)(a)

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From: Laura McIlhone <Laura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 26 January 2023 1:09 pm

To: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Megan McCoy <Megan.McCoy@health.govt.nz>; Elisabeth Brunt <Elisabeth.Brunt@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>; Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Kurt,

We've had a review of this one and have amended the response slightly, can you please put this through your sign-out process asap? Please note we have informed media and DGA as well and are waiting to hear back from them.

[Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks A0579BFB7678ED1181AD002248933F8F](#)

Ngā mihi

Laura McIlhone (she/her)

Advisor | OIA Services

Government and Executive Services

Manatū Hauora

E: Laura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz

L1 North, Yellow, 133 Molesworth St, Wellington

From: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>;

Received: Thu Jan 26 2023 13:55:44 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)

To: Meredith Barker <meredith.barker@health.govt.nz>;

Cc: Laura McIlhone <laura.mcilhone@health.govt.nz>; Peter Abernethy

<peter.abernethy@health.govt.nz>; Laura McIlhone

<6b1bc49735444d5f8c3624c01f770c1aLaura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>;

Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Thanks team – I understand from SPM that Claire had been working with Robyn on the response.

Claire is unfortunately on leave so is unable to sign off on the audit trail, but we're in touch with People and Capability/Corporate Services about this as well – no issues from their end, we're just waiting for Robyn's final sign off.

Will let you know if anything changes!

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

Manatū Hauora

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From: Meredith Barker <Meredith.Barker@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 26 January 2023 1:53 pm

To: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Laura McIlhone <Laura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>; Peter Abernethy <peter.abernethy@health.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Hi Jan

Peter and I have taken a look and seems fine from our perspective.

Just checking that this has also gone past Claire McMahon?

Ngā mihi

Meredith

Meredith Barker (she/her)

Principal Media Advisor

s 9(2)(a)

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info for media: www.health.govt.nz/news-media/media-centre

Manatū Hauora, 133 Molesworth Street Wellington 6011

From: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 26 January 2023 12:53 pm

To: Peter Abernethy <peter.abernethy@health.govt.nz>; Meredith Barker <Meredith.Barker@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Laura McIlhone <Laura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Hello Peter and Meredith

Hope you're both having a nice week – just a heads up on this Matthew Tukaki OIA we're working on.

The current version of the draft is available here: [H2022018477 Response.docx](#) and is currently going through sign out with Robyn/SPM. **Refer to Document 2B**

Let us know if you have any queries/feedback on this response, unfortunately the response is due tomorrow – apologies for the tardiness!

Here's the scope of the request for reference:

While being considered for the role of Director of the Suicide Prevention Office and as part of the CV check process, was the Maori Council contacted? If not, why not?

Was any information and feedback sought from the Maori Council regarding Mr Tukaki's time there? If not, why not?

Was the MOH aware of a complaint the Maori Council laid with Police and among those named in the complaint for emailing BNZ about the pause on the accounts is Matthew Tukaki? Did the MOH seek further information and clarification on this with people other Mr Tukaki himself? If not, why not?

Did the MOH seek clarification with the NZ Maori council regarding Matthew Tukaki's claim he was he held the head position rather than senior roles? If not, why not?

I'm onsite if you'd like to have a chat – noting DGA is also across this OIA.

Thanks so much

Jan Torres
Manager | OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga
Manatū Hauora
Waea pūkoro: s 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]
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From: Jan Torres
Sent: Thursday, 26 January 2023 11:36 am
To: Lisa McPhail <Lisa.McPhail@health.govt.nz>
Cc: DG Advisory <dgadvisory@health.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Lisa

Just a heads up to your office – there's been a delay in getting information from SPM on this other Matthew Tukaki OIA.

We've been advised that Robyn has been liaising directly with People and Capability/Corporate Services on this and we're hoping to acquire a signed response by COB.

I'll pass this on to you for review as soon as we receive it, noting that the response is due to the requester tomorrow.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any queries, I'm otherwise onsite if you'd like to have a chat.

Here's the scope for your reference – requester is a member of the public (FYI.org.nz)

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Many thanks

Ngā mihi

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

Manatū Hauora

Waea pūkoro: s 9(2)(a)

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From: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>;

Received: Thu Jan 26 2023 12:40:28 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)

To: Laura McIlhone <laura.mcilhone@health.govt.nz>; Megan McCoy <megan.mccoy@health.govt.nz>; Laura McIlhone

<6b1bc49735444d5f8c3624c01f770c1aLaura.Mcilhone@health.govt.nz>;

Cc: Elisabeth.Brunt@health.govt.nz <elisabeth.brunt@health.govt.nz>; Elisabeth Brunt <elisabeth.brunt@health.govt.nz>;

Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Thanks Laura - [@Megan McCoy](#)/[@Elisabeth Brunt](#), I've made some tweaks to SPM's draft and took some material out of the Tahana OIAs to add some more context to the letter. I've yet to hear back from DGA and Media but will let you know if there are any issues.

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

Manatū Hauora

Waea pūkoro: s 9(2)(a)

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From: Laura McIlhone <Laura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 26 January 2023 12:33 pm

To: Elisabeth Brunt <Elisabeth.Brunt@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Importance: High

Just a heads up to you Elisabeth that we received the draft in the below link! Jan has contacted media as well and we are going to try get it to DGA asap 😊

Ngā mihi

Laura McIlhone (she/her)

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From: Laura McIlhone

Sent: Thursday, 26 January 2023 12:22 pm

To: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>; Megan McCoy <Megan.McCoy@health.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Importance: High

Kia ora both,

I received the draft from Kurt here: [Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks_A0579BFB7678ED1181AD002248933F8F](#)

[@Megan McCoy](#) if you are happy with this response I can send it back to Kurt and to DGA ASAP.

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From: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>;
Received: Thu Jan 26 2023 11:15:04 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: Sue Myhill <sue.myhill@health.govt.nz>;
Cc: Elisabeth.Brunt@health.govt.nz <elisabeth.brunt@health.govt.nz>; Laura McIlhone <laura.mcilhone@health.govt.nz>; Megan McCoy <megan.mccoy@health.govt.nz>; Elisabeth Brunt <elisabeth.brunt@health.govt.nz>; Laura McIlhone <6b1bc49735444d5f8c3624c01f770c1aLaura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Many thanks Sue – sorry to hear you’re not feeling well, appreciate your help with this.

Kurt had just gotten in touch and noted that Robyn’s office is currently working on the response.

I’ll follow up with him directly for further updates, hope you feel better.

Best

Jan Torres
Manager | OIA Services
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From: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 26 January 2023 10:16 am
To: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Elisabeth Brunt <Elisabeth.Brunt@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Apologies Jan

I didn't feel well this morning but did tell Robyn I would still be doing this.

I am meeting with SPM at 10.30am to discuss and will get back to you after that

Sue

From: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 26 January 2023 9:49 am
To: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Elisabeth Brunt <Elisabeth.Brunt@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Mōrena Sue – sorry me again, any updates on this?

Thanks so much

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From: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 January 2023 5:42 pm
To: Elisabeth Brunt <Elisabeth.Brunt@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Thanks Elizabeth. I will let Robyn know that.

Sue

From: Elisabeth Brunt <Elisabeth.Brunt@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 4:51:30 PM
To: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Sue,

If you haven't already spoken to Robyn, can you please also let her know that we have no grounds for extension (well, I advise that without knowing that there is any information yet) and that we are very tight on time given that PSC will also likely need to be advised of the response. It is getting very, very urgent.

Thanks!

Elisabeth

From: Robyn Shearer <robyn.shearer@health.govt.nz>;
Received: Wed Jan 25 2023 18:13:24 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: Sue Myhill <sue.myhill@health.govt.nz>;
Cc: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: Re: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Sorry team - see below

From: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 2:53 PM

To: Robyn Shearer <Robyn.Shearer@health.govt.nz>
Cc: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Robyn

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- The OIA response is due to the requester on 27 January
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 - I've sent the relevant information through to Robyn and we've had some email correspondence. I recommend we answer as follows:

*While being considered for the role of Director of the Suicide Prevention Office and as part of the CV check process, was the Maori Council contacted? If not, why not? **Yes.***

*Was any information and feedback sought from the Maori Council regarding Mr Tukaki's time there? If not, why not? **Yes.***

*Was the MOH aware of a complaint the Maori Council laid with Police and among those named in the complaint for emailing BNZ about the pause on the accounts is Matthew Tukaki? **No***

*Did the MOH seek further information and clarification on this with people other Mr Tukaki himself? If not, why not? **(Not sure if the panel/hiring manger had awareness as they longer work for the Ministry.) – we may need to check with Robyn/John on this?***

Given the answer to the previous question this is not applicable

*Did the MOH seek clarification with the NZ Maori council regarding Matthew Tukaki's claim he was he held the head position rather than senior roles? If not, why not? **Appropriate reference checks were undertaken and this included confirming previous relevant positions and the key responsibilities of those roles.***

If any further context is required, I recommend using the wording we've used in previous OIAs/WPQ's about the hiring process.

- In an email on 17 January to SPM Claire said 'Just to clarify, I think it's appropriate that SPM remain the owner for this OIA,...'

On this basis;

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Please note that Claire's out of office indicates she is not back in the office until 7 February so if we need further info from Claire we will need to get an extension to the timeframe for response on this.

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From: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 January 2023 2:31 pm
To: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Cc: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>; Laura McIlhone <Laura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Jan

I will talk to Robyn about this and get back to you

Sue

From: Sue Myhill <sue.myhill@health.govt.nz>;
Received: Wed Jan 25 2023 14:53:07 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: Robyn Shearer <robyn.shearer@health.govt.nz>;
Cc: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: FW: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

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From: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 January 2023 1:50 pm
To: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>
Cc: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>; Laura McIlhone <Laura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

So sorry to chase you on this Sue – I understand Claire and Anna are currently on leave. I wonder if you're able to advise if there have been any further updates on this?

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From: Elisabeth Brunt <Elisabeth.Brunt@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 January 2023 3:54 pm
To: Anna Hunn <Anna.Hunn@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Anna

This OIA is now facing a steep uphill to get to the deadline are you able to help us out as it looks like it has been going back and forth between SPM and Corporate. We have not yet received anything for drafting and it is due to the requester this week. On top of that, it is one that needs to be seen by DGA and potentially Te Kawa Mataaho so we are going to burn bridges to get it done on time. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks

Elisabeth

From: Sue Myhill <sue.myhill@health.govt.nz>;
Received: Tue Jan 24 2023 13:02:14 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: Laura McIlhone <laura.mcilhone@health.govt.nz>; SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>; Laura McIlhone <6b1bc49735444d5f8c3624c01f770c1aLaura.Mcilhone@health.govt.nz>;
Cc: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Laura

Robyn has been working with Claire McMahon on this so we just need to wait sorry

Ngā mihi

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From: Laura McIlhone <6b1bc49735444d5f8c3624c01f770c1aLaura.Mcilhone@health.govt.nz>;
Received: Tue Jan 24 2023 09:18:50 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>;
Cc: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>; Anna Hunn <anna.hunn@health.govt.nz>; Sue Myhill <sue.myhill@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Kurt,

Just following up on this one, did you hear back about it?

Ngā mihi

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From: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 18 January 2023 3:58 pm

To: Laura McIlhone <Laura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Anna Hunn <Anna.Hunn@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>; Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Laura

I understand that Robyn has looked at the OIA today to determine how she will address the request. She has received further advice and information in discussion with the People and Capability team and will need time to incorporate that into her response.

I expect that we will hear back tomorrow and have a better picture of the next steps. Sorry, I can't provide anything more concrete than that.

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From: Laura McIlhone <Laura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 18 January 2023 1:24 pm

To: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Anna Hunn <Anna.Hunn@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Kurt,

Just checking in on this OIA. I understand that the draft is underway and that you were going to contact Robyn Shearer, because she has the relevant history/context for this OIA subject.

If you could please let me know when you should expect to have all the info together, so that we can allow enough time for the OIA and SPM sign-out process, and also bearing in mind that Sarah Turner might want to view the response before it goes out 😊

Ngā mihi

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Received: Wed Jan 18 2023 11:53:31 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: Laura McIlhone <laura.mcilhone@health.govt.nz>; Laura McIlhone <6b1bc49735444d5f8c3624c01f770c1aLaura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: FW: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

FYI! Might be useful to just check in with Kurt how the draft is coming along. Happy to be copied in!



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From: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 18 January 2023 8:16 am
To: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Hi Jan,

I have been emailing with Kurt and said that I think the ownership of this OIA needs to remain with SPM and not Corporate Services. I said I was happy to provide information and advice, and would like to review the response before it goes.

He was going to email Robyn Shearer, because she has the relevant history/context for this.

Thanks

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From: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 17 January 2023 4:26 pm

To: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Importance: High

Kia ora Claire

Hope your day is going well – so sorry to follow up with you on this directly; I'm just conscious of the timeframes for this request.

I wonder if you've had a chance to consider this OIA? Let me know if you'd like to have a chat – appreciate your help always!

While being considered for the role of Director of the Suicide Prevention Office and as part of the CV check process, was the Maori Council contacted? If not, why not?

Was any information and feedback sought from the Maori Council regarding Mr Tukaki's time there? If not, why not?

Was the MOH aware of a complaint the Maori Council laid with Police and among those named in the complaint for emailing BNZ about the pause on the accounts is Matthew Tukaki? Did the MOH seek further information and clarification on this with people other Mr Tukaki himself? If not, why not?

Did the MOH seek clarification with the NZ Maori council regarding Matthew Tukaki's claim he was he held the head position rather than senior roles? If not, why not?

Jan Torres

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From: Laura McIlhone <Laura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>
Received: Tue Jan 17 2023 2:01 PM
To: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Hey Jan – haven't heard back about this one yet!

From: Claire McMahon <claire.mcmahon@health.govt.nz>;
Received: Tue Jan 17 2023 12:43:20 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Okay thanks. Let Robyn know if she needs a copy of the references I can send them through to her.

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From: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 January 2023 12:09 pm
To: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Thank you, Claire. I will put together an email for Robyn's EA to forward on to Robyn. Hopefully, be back with some input soon.

Ngā mihi

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From: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 17 January 2023 11:55 am

To: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Thanks for that.

Just to clarify, I think it's appropriate that SPM remain the owner for this OIA, but I can provide information and/or advice in the drafting of the response as needed.

Robyn will hopefully be able to provide some context/input into the recruitment process. If she doesn't have a copy of the references obtained, these can be sent to her.

Thanks

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From: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 16 January 2023 4:28 pm

To: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Claire

The sharepoint link is below:

[Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks A0579BFB7678ED1181AD002248933F8F](#)

You should have access to the info in the link. Let me know if you don't.

I have also attached the main email thread on this case. It really only shows that we informed Matthew of the existence of two OIAs related to the SPO and directly to him.

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From: Claire McMahon <claire.mcmahon@health.govt.nz>;
Received: Mon Jan 16 2023 13:56:49 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Kurt

Thanks for linking me in on this. I haven't seen this OIA before. There is another OIA in relation to Matthew that I've provided feedback on, but this one is different.

I should be able to dig out some information to assist with the questions below.

Are you able to send me the link to the original question and any previous correspondence in relation to it? I'm also keen to know who else has seen this or has been involved up to this point if possible?

Thanks 😊

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From: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 16 January 2023 4:37 pm

To: Laura McIlhone <Laura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Anna Hunn <Anna.Hunn@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora koutou

We are in contact with Claire McMahon in the People and Capability team about whether they can help us respond to this request.

We're hoping to hear back from her tomorrow.

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From: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>;

Received: Mon Jan 16 2023 15:51:33 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)

To: Laura McIlhone <laura.mcilhone@health.govt.nz>; Laura McIlhone <6b1bc49735444d5f8c3624c01f770c1aLaura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>;

Subject: Fwd: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

FYI - let's check in tomorrow :)

From: Anna Hunn <Anna.Hunn@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2023 3:43 PM
To: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Hi

Kurt is back and he was following up today, he's busy now but I'll see how he got on.

Thanks for checking! Always better to be safe than sorry 😊

Cheers

Anna.

From: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 16 January 2023 3:16 pm
To: Anna Hunn <Anna.Hunn@health.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Hi Anna

Hope you had a restful weekend! Sorry to follow up on this with you directly – I'm not sure whether Kurt is back, we're just conscious of the timeframes for this request. I wonder if your office has had a chance to consider the queries? Happy to pop over for a chat if needed!

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From: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 16 January 2023 10:11 am
To: Claire McMahon <Claire.McMahon@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Tēnā koe Claire

Just reaching out here on the OIA request below as you have been in contact with Anna Hunn on another OIA (H2022018370) related to the SPO and Matthew Tukaki.

The request below is related more to checks and references as part of the hiring process. I believe Arran Culver was involved in that process, but he has since left MoH.

Is there anything that resides with HR that may be able to contribute to answering this request?

Ngā mihi

Kurt

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From: Laura McIlhone <6b1bc49735444d5f8c3624c01f770c1aLaura.McIlhone@health.govt.nz>;
Received: Mon Jan 16 2023 09:42:31 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>;
Cc: Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>; Anna Hunn <anna.hunn@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <jan.torres@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: H2022018477 Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks OIA (CRM:0117200)

Kia ora Kurt,

Just checking in on the status of this one which was commissioned to SPM at the end of last year. Has there been any information found? The original request is:

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Did the MOH seek clarification with the NZ Maori council regarding Matthew Tukaki's claim he was he held the head position rather than senior roles? If not, why not?

This request is currently due on the 27th of January. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Ngā mihi

Laura McIlhone (she/her)
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L1 North, Yellow, 133 Molesworth St, Wellington

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Received: Sat Dec 10 2022 23:39:30 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>; OIA <oiagr@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: Official Information request - Matthew Tukaki CV checks

Dear Ministry of Health,

The information I seek relates to the 1News stories concerning the lack of background checks on some aspects of Mr Tukaki's CV before his appointment as Director of the Suicide Prevention Office.

As such I seek the following information.

While being considered for the role of Director of the Suicide Prevention Office and as part of the CV check process, was the Maori Council contacted? If not, why not?

Was any information and feedback sought from the Maori Council regarding Mr Tukaki's time there? If not, why not?

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Yours faithfully,

James

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27 January 2023

James

By email: fyi-request-21386-8df53cb8@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H2022018477

Tēnā koe James

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora on 10 December 2022 for information regarding Matthew Tukaki. Information in response to each part of your request is outlined below:

“While being considered for the role of Director of the Suicide Prevention Office and as part of the CV check process, was the Maori Council contacted? If not, why not? Was any information and feedback sought from the Maori Council regarding Mr Tukaki’s time there? If not, why not?”

A rigorous employment process is followed for all recruitments at Manatū Hauora, including reference checks as standard practice. This was followed for the hiring of Mr Tukaki. Manatū Hauora can confirm that the Māori Council were consulted as part of this process, and that information and feedback regarding Mr Tukaki’s tenure at the Māori Council was sought.

Was the MOH aware of a complaint the Maori Council laid with Police and among those named in the complaint for emailing BNZ about the pause on the accounts is Matthew Tukaki? Did the MOH seek further information and clarification on this with people other Mr Tukaki himself? If not, why not?”

At the time of the recruitment process, Manatū Hauora was not aware of a complaint laid by the Māori Council with Police that named Mr Tukaki.

Did the MOH seek clarification with the NZ Maori council regarding Matthew Tukaki’s claim he was he held the head position rather than senior roles? If not, why not?”

As noted above, appropriate reference checks were undertaken as part of the recruitment process. This included confirming previous relevant positions and the key responsibilities of those roles.

By way of background, Mr Tukaki was one of 22 applicants for the position, and one of three people who interviewed for the Director position at the Suicide Prevention Office. Following these interviews, the panel selected Mr Tukaki as the preferred candidate for the role. This was due to his experience in a similar role in Australia, his strong leadership skills, experience working across agencies, his strategic vision, and his media experience.

Following Mr Tukaki's selection as the preferred candidate, reference and police checks were undertaken as per the standard recruitment process at Manatū Hauora. Four reference checks were conducted, which were all very positive. Mr Tukaki was then offered the role with a commencement date of 1 July 2022.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



Robyn Shearer
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*Was any information and feedback sought from the Maori Council regarding Mr Tukaki’s
time there? If not, why not?*

Manatū Hauora did seek information and feedback from the New Zealand Māori Council with
regards to Mr Tukaki’s time there.

*Was the MOH aware of a complaint the Maori Council laid with Police and among those
named in the complaint for emailing BNZ about the pause on the accounts is Matthew
Tukaki? Did the MOH seek further information and clarification on this with people other
Mr Tukaki himself? If not, why not?*

Manatū Hauora was not aware of a complaint laid by the New Zealand Māori Council with
Police that named Mr Tukaki.

*Did the MOH seek clarification with the NZ Maori council regarding Matthew Tukaki’s
claim he was he held the head position rather than senior roles?
If not, why not?”*

Appropriate reference checks were undertaken and this included confirming previous relevant
positions and the key responsibilities of those roles.

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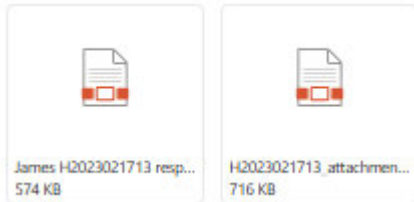
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From: OIA <oiagr@health.govt.nz>;

Received: Tue May 09 2023 17:41:09 GMT+1200 (New Zealand Standard Time)

To: James <fyi-request-22090-8cb4dc17@requests.fyi.org.nz>; James <fyi-request-22231-c99fa4f0@requests.fyi.org.nz>; James <fyi-request-22475-580cca8d@requests.fyi.org.nz>;

Subject: Response to your request for official information, H2023021713 H2023023611 H2023022483 CRM:0131151



Refer to Document 3A

Kia ora James

Please find attached a letter regarding your requests for official information. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

OIA Services Team

From: Jan Torres

Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 2:27 PM

To: Lisa McPhail <Lisa.McPhail@health.govt.nz>; Claire McMahan <Claire.McMahan@health.govt.nz>

Subject: OIA - appointment to the SPO Director role H2023021713 H2023023611 H2023022483

draft review

Kia ora Lisa and Claire

Hope you both had a restful weekend.

As you may be aware, we've been working on several follow-up OIA requests from an individual in relation to Matthew Tukaki's appointment to the SPO Director role.

Following discussions with Robyn's office, we've made the decision to consolidate the 3 requests and address them all under one response letter: [H2023021713 - draft response v2.docx](#)

The response has been drafted with assistance from legal and SPM.

Could you please advise if you have any queries or changes to the proposed response?

Many thanks

Ngā mihi

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

Government and Executive Services | Te Pou Whakatere Kāwanatanga

Manatū Hauora

Waea pūkoro: s 9(2)(a)

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From: Jan Torres

Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 10:49 AM

To: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>; Phil Knipe <Phil.Knipe@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Health Legal review of SPM response to OIA H2023021713

Kia ora team

Many thanks for picking this up in my absence. I've had a download on the approach from Elisabeth, and just made some minor tweaks to the response letter to incorporate Phil's advice below:

[H2023021713 - draft response v2.docx](#)

[@SPM](#)/Kurt – would you be able to assist in putting this through sign out within SPM again please?

I'm happy to liaise with DGA.

Many thanks

Ngā mihi

Jan Torres

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From: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 1:36 PM
To: Phil Knipe <Phil.Knipe@health.govt.nz>; Nina Wilson <Nina.Wilson@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>; Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Health Legal review of SPM response to OIA H2023021713

Hi Phil

Thank you for that. There are three more OIAs received subsequently from this requester that the OIA team have decided to bundle together with this one into a single response. Your advice regarding the release of the CV will prove useful. I have copied in Jan Torres here so her team can make the necessary adjustments.

Ngā mihi


Kurt
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From: Phil Knipe <Phil.Knipe@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 27 April 2023 12:00 pm
To: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>; Nina Wilson <Nina.Wilson@health.govt.nz>
Cc: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Health Legal review of SPM response to OIA H2023021713

Hi Kurt,

I was away on leave last week but have now had an opportunity to look at this.

s 9(2)(h)



Cheers,

Phil Knipe
Chief Legal Advisor
Ministry of Health
DDI: 04 496 2137
Mobile: s 9(2)(a)

<http://www.health.govt.nz>

mailto: phil.knipe@health.govt.nz

From: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 18 April 2023 5:21 pm

To: Nina Wilson <Nina.Wilson@health.govt.nz>

Cc: Sue Myhill <Sue.Myhill@health.govt.nz>; Phil Knipe <Phil.Knipe@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Health Legal review of SPM response to OIA H2023021713

Kia ora Nina

We are seeking advice from Phil on the response in link below and attached:

 [H2023021713 - due 12 April](#)

This request is the latest of a long chain of OIAs and correspondence between various requesters and the Ministry regarding Matthew Tukaki's CV, qualifications, reference checks, and other issues related to the hiring process.

This particular OIA request reads as below:

As per my previous request which was too generic, under the OIA I specifically seek clarification regarding the University and Tertiary education qualifications of Matthew Tukaki which were listed in his bio of the Annual Report for Suicide Prevention Australia.

In Matthew Tukaki's previous role for Suicide Prevention Australia he clearly states in the annual financial report June 30, 2020 which is publicly available online, his University and Tertiary qualifications as the following:

Post Graduate Diploma in Diplomacy and Negotiations (VU), Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS,WU), NZ Certificate in Business (BOP/MT), International Government Certificate in Knowledge Management (IGKM).

Please provide any University or Tertiary qualifications Mr Tukaki listed on either his application for the role of Director of Suicide Prevention, Or in his CV he submitted for this role.

If Mr Tukaki listed University or Tertiary qualifications, please confirm if they were all checked and confirmed with each Institution as part of the recruitment process at the time of application, if not, why not?

ODDG SPM has drafted the attached response (approved by Robyn) as a first iteration in response to H2023021713. The response mirrors one of the Ministry's initial responses to a request for this information and Phil's own response to an Ombudsman complaint to refuse the information requested under the same sections of the OIA Act referred in those previous responses: 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i). This assumes that the Ministry application form is captured under the same sections of the Act that an applicant's CV is.

Can we please receive some advice from Phil whether or not the same clauses apply to information from the application referred to in request above? We understand that there may be some questions around this decision to withhold information as there has been some ambiguity around the release of information in previous decisions. Happy to discuss. Of course, any other advice on the response would also be most welcome.

Ngā mihi

Kurt

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Manatū Hauora - Ministry of Health | Email: SPM@health.govt.nz
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From: SPM Mailbox <spm@health.govt.nz>;

Received: Wed Mar 22 2023 10:34:26 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)

To: Sue Myhill <sue.myhill@health.govt.nz>;

Subject: Fw: OIA request - M Tukaki qualifications clarification H2023021713 CRM:0131139

Kia ora Sue

 [H2023021713 - due 12 April](#)

As discussed on Monday(?). This is the clarification OIA we were all waiting for.

Ngā mihi

Kurt

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From: Jan Torres <Jan.Torres@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 17 March 2023 9:00 pm

To: SPM <SPM@health.govt.nz>

Subject: OIA request - M Tukaki qualifications clarification H2023021713 CRM:0131139

Kia ora SPM/Kurt

Another OIA request for your consideration please. This is a follow up from the response we issued on 6 March (attached). My GM, Elisabeth Brunt will be looking after this request in my absence.

If you could please get in touch with Elisabeth directly on the proposed response/next steps, it would be much appreciated.

Documents relevant to this request are available here: [H2023021713 - due 12 April](#) **Refer to Document 3B**

Many thanks!

Ngā mihi

Jan Torres

Manager | OIA Services

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Waea pūkoro: s 9(2)(a)

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From: OIA <oiagr@health.govt.nz>;

Received: Tue Mar 14 2023 09:16:48 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)

To: James <fyi-request-22090-8@..org.nz>;

Subject: Acknowledgement of your request for official information (ref: H2023021713)

CRM:0114318

Kia ora

Thank you for your request for official information. The reference number for your request is: H2023021713

As required under the Official Information Act 1982, Manatū Hauora will endeavour to respond to your request no later than 20 working days after the day your request was received. If you'd like to calculate the timeframe, you can use the Ombudsman's online calculator here: <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>

If you have any queries related to this request, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Ngā mihi

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From: James <fyi-request-22090-8cb4dc17@requests.fyi.org.nz>;
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To: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>; OIA <oiagr@health.govt.nz>;
Subject: Official Information request - Qualifications clarification

Dear Ministry of Health,

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If Mr Tukaki listed University or Tertiary qualifications, please confirm if they were all checked and confirmed with each Institution as part of the recruitment process at the time of application, if not, why not?

Yours faithfully,

James

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9 May 2023

James

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Ref: H2023021713
H2023023611
H2023022483

Tēnā koe James

Response to your request for official information

This letter responds to three further requests you have made regarding the appointment of the Director of the Suicide Prevention Office, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health). These requests were made on 13 March, 23 March, and 16 April 2023.

For ease of reference, appended to this letter are copies of your requests.

Manatū Hauora takes its obligations under the Act seriously. It is important that the public has trust and confidence in the Ministry's recruitment processes and the appointment of its staff. The public must also be confident that we will protect individual's personal information. This includes information about former, current, and potential staff.

Manatū Hauora stands by the appointment of the Director and the process that was followed. We have released a range of information to you previously and in this response so that the public can be confident in the appointment process followed. However, Manatū Hauora is also withholding information, in order to protect the privacy of the individuals concerned and recognising that the greater public interest is in former, current and future staff knowing that an application for a role at the Ministry does not mean that their personal information will be released publicly.

The Ministry is satisfied that a standard recruitment process showed Matthew Tukaki was the best candidate for the advertised position of Director of the Suicide Prevention Office. Due diligence was followed to confirm Mr Tukaki's experience in suicide prevention work and his suitability for the role. As part of this recruitment process, the Ministry checked Mr Tukaki's recent and relevant employment history.

I have addressed each of your request in further detail below.

H2023021713 and H2023023611

The Ministry understands this is a follow-up to your earlier request for information (H2023019104 refers). Information in Mr Tukaki's application and a copy of his CV is withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- section 9(2)(a) of the Act – to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
- section 9(2)(ba)(i) – to protect information which was subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment.

I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

While Mr Tukaki's CV had been previously released following an investigation under the Ombudsmen Act 1975, the Ombudsman's view on the facts of a particular case should not be taken as establishing any legal precedent in future requests. The Ministry continues to consider these documents as subject to confidentiality in accordance with the Ministry's recruitment process, and privacy requirements associated with that process. The decision to release this information at the time was also made in consultation with Mr Tukaki.

I am also satisfied that our previous response to you (H2023019104 refers) has addressed this question and consider the matter resolved.

H2023022483

Please find attached a copy of the job description for the Director Suicide Prevention role, as advertised in April 2022. The position was advertised internally and externally from 5 to 22 April 2022.

As advised in our previous response to you (H2022018477 refers), Mr Tukaki was one of 22 applicants for the position, and one of three people who interviewed for the Director position at the Suicide Prevention Office. The interview panel consisted of Deputy Chief Executive of Sector Support, the Deputy Director-General of Māori Health, the Deputy Director-General of Mental Health and Addiction, and the Chief Clinical Advisor of Mental Health and Addiction. No specific declarations of interest were made by the panel members in relation to this recruitment process.

Following these interviews, the panel selected Mr Tukaki as the suitable candidate for the role. This was due to his experience in a similar role in Australia, his strong leadership skills, experience working across agencies, his strategic vision, and his media experience.

Following Mr Tukaki's selection as the preferred candidate, reference and police checks were undertaken as per the standard recruitment process at Manatū Hauora. Four reference checks were conducted, which were all very positive. Mr Tukaki was then offered the role with a commencement date of 1 July 2022.

All other information regarding the advertising of this position has been deemed outside the scope of your request as it is administrative in nature; for example, the human resource team arranging the advertisement.

As noted earlier, the Ministry has released a large amount of information regarding the recruitment process and Mr Tukaki's application and appointment to the role. I am not prepared to release further detailed information including correspondence with the individual in applying for the position under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act. Such information is personal to the individual and the greater public interest is in the Ministry maintaining the confidence of current and future employees.

I trust this information fulfils your requests. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

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Nāku noa, nā



Robyn Shearer
Deputy Chief Executive and Deputy Director-General
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Appendix 1: Details of OIA requests

#	Reference #	Date received	Requested information
1	H2023021713	13 March 2023	<p><i>As per my previous request which was too generic, under the OIA I specifically seek clarification regarding the University and Tertiary education qualifications of Matthew Tukaki which were listed in his bio of the Annual Report for Suicide Prevention Australia.</i></p> <p><i>In Matthew Tukaki's previous role for Suicide Prevention Australia he clearly states in the annual financial report June 30, 2020 which is publicly available online, his University and Tertiary qualifications as the following:</i></p> <p><i>Post Graduate Diploma in Diplomacy and Negotiations (VU), Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS,WU), NZ Certificate in Business (BOP/MT), International Government Certificate in Knowledge Management (IGKM).</i></p> <p><i>Please provide any University or Tertiary qualifications Mr Tukaki listed on either his application for the role of Director of Suicide Prevention, Or in his CV he submitted for this role.</i></p> <p><i>If Mr Tukaki listed University or Tertiary qualifications, please confirm if they were all checked and confirmed with each Institution as part of the recruitment process at the time of application, if not, why not?</i></p>
2	H2023022483	23 March 2023	<p><i>Please provide the job description as listed and advertised for the role of Director of Suicide Prevention in 2022 by the Ministry of Health.</i></p> <p><i>Please provide the date, both internally and externally the job advertisement for the role of Director of Suicide Prevention was posted and the date applications opened and closed for the same role.</i></p> <p><i>All correspondence including but not limited to emails, texts and phone calls involving Matthew Tukaki and the role of Director of Suicide Prevention on or before the date of applications officially opened for the role.</i></p>

#	Reference #	Date received	Requested information
			<p><i>Please provide details of any meetings that Mr Tukaki had with Ministry of Health staff concerning the role Director of Suicide Prevention between October 2021 and April 29th 2022.</i></p> <p><i>All communications including but not limited to texts, emails and phone calls discussing that the role of Director of Suicide Prevention was to be taken to market, final notification and authorisation that the role of Director of Suicide Prevention could be officially advertised. This should include the dates of these events.</i></p> <p><i>All communications including but not limited to text, emails and phone calls between Dr Arran Culver and Mr Tukaki prior to April 29th.</i></p> <p><i>The names of the 3 members of the interview panel.</i></p> <p><i>Any declarations of interest declared by Mr Tukaki and or the 3 member interview panel.</i></p>
3	H2023023611	16 April 2023	<p><i>Under the OIA, please provide Matthew Tukaki's CV.</i></p> <p><i>This has already been released after the involvement of Ombudsman and Mr Tukaki's work history is online and viewable to the public via his LinkedIn page.</i></p>

Position Description

Director, Suicide Prevention Office

Team	N/A			
Group	Suicide Prevention Office			
Directorate	Mental Health and Addiction			
Manager	Deputy Director-General, Mental Health and Addiction			
Location	Wellington, Auckland			
Direct reports	6-7	Indirect	0	
Delegation authority	HR	Level 3	Finance	Level 3
Date	April 2022		Job band (indicative)	21G
Security Clearance	TBC			

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The Ministry is the Kaitiaki of the health and disability system in Aotearoa New Zealand. We do this by providing a fair, effective and sustainable system that people trust.

The Ministry is responsible for:

- providing active stewardship and leadership across the health and disability system to ensure it provides people with the highest levels of care, regardless of who they are or where they live
- prioritising equity in health outcomes and independence for Māori and all other peoples, and engaging meaningfully with our stakeholders to achieve shared goals
- delivering high-quality policy advice to government on the health system – this includes maintaining the regulatory environment and national policy settings that support the health sector to provide quality services for New Zealanders
- working collectively with other agencies to implement changes to the health and disability system – we also link these changes with improvements in the broader social and economic sectors to achieve Pae Ora – healthy futures
- partnering with iwi, hapū and Māori communities to meet our Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations.

Directorate description

The vision of the Mental Health and Addiction Directorate (Directorate) is for a people-centred system that delivers improved and equitable outcomes & mental wellbeing for all.

The Directorate brings together the 'end-to-end' activities and functions for mental health and addiction services including Strategy, Policy, Data Analysis, Service Planning and Improvement,

Commissioning and Monitoring. The Directorate has a stewardship role to implement He Ara Oranga: Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction.

Group description

The Suicide Prevention Office will be housed within the Ministry of Health (Mental Health and Addiction Directorate) for a further period of two years, after which longer term arrangements will be made in consultation with the Ministry and key stakeholders:

- Collect, collate, analyse and monitor suicide information and suicide prevention activity.
- Implement the national Suicide Prevention Strategy.
- Coordinate suicide prevention activities across Government agencies.
- Provide dedicated program evaluation and develop research priorities and partnerships where appropriate.
- Report on progress against the national Suicide Prevention Research Strategy.

Position purpose

Ensures that the Suicide Prevention Office including the systems, processes, roles and functions to fulfil its purpose, this includes leading engagement and development of the work program of the Office, the development of key and strategic partnerships, assurance and evaluation of key and core critical programs, research priority setting and development.

What you'll do

- Lead and manage the Suicide Prevention Office
- Lead the implementation of the Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan.
- Align people and resources across the team to ensure required results are delivered.
- Develop an effective evaluation framework
- Develop research priorities and partnerships where appropriate to better understand current and emerging trends
- Manage and support direct reports, fostering high standards in the quality of outputs, and promoting a quality service focus.
- Ensure all staff has an agreed annual performance and development plan and are provided with regular feedback and support to achieve objectives and bridge development gaps.
- Monitor and manage delays, issues or risks to delivery of priority work and initiate action if required.
- Take a 'whole of Ministry' view of systems / processes and improve them by encouraging staff to look for and implement innovative solutions.
- Ensure high quality work including Official Information Act (OIAs) questions, Parliamentary Questions (PQs), Health Reports, service design papers, Cabinet papers and Ministerials related to the programme of work.
- Take accountability for an agreed budget and manage finances effectively, sustainability and in accordance with the Ministry's delegations, guidelines and frameworks.

- Contribute as a member of the Mental Health and Addiction Senior Leadership Team.
- Lead the development, planning and implementation of specific strategies, report on progress and ensure objectives are achieved
- Work through their team and in partnership with wider Ministry and sector to achieve the Ministry's strategic priorities, which may include implementing recommendations from new or existing legislative advice/changes
- Provide senior leadership for projects and areas, working with others to ensure all work is well planned, using work planning tools and methods which includes taking strategic and tactical approaches to achieve results through high quality advice
- Build collaborative and positive relationships across the Directorate, Ministry, the wider health sector, government and other external stakeholders
- Represent the Ministry at government agency meetings and other agreed forums
- Ensure all work reflects our responsibilities to the priority of equity and meeting Treaty of Waitangi obligations

This position description is intended as an insight to the main tasks and responsibilities required in the role and may be subject to change in consultation with the job holder.

Leadership profile: Director

Works through their team and in partnership with the wider Ministry and sector to achieve the Ministry's strategic priorities.

Lead self	Lead others	Lead the Ministry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be an exemplar of the Ministry's desired culture and Public Sector Spirit of Service • Role model and promote change fitness and the ability to navigate complexity and change • Continuously develop and improve your leadership capability and keep up to date with industry/sector trends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion an inclusive, diverse and safe workplace where people thrive • Convene and collaborate with key stakeholders within the Ministry and externally • Prioritise regular coaching and development of your team and encourage your direct report leaders to do the same • Address any conduct, performance or behavioural issues quickly and effectively • Actively manage critical people and develop successors for future role • Manage the capability and capacity of your team to deliver on current and future work priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate stewardship through the way you engage with the health and/or public sector stakeholders, building their trust and confidence in the Ministry • Engage your team in the Ministry's strategy and vision and how their role fits in to the bigger picture • Take a systems view of the work you're responsible for and ensure you understand the broad connections and impact of your work • Actively manage the people, finance and other business process, resources and risk you are accountable for and work within your delegated authority

Leadership Success Profile

Te Kawa Mataaho Leadership Success Profile (LSP) describes what 'good' leadership looks like at all levels within the New Zealand public sector. While all elements of the LSP are important, the following leadership competencies are particularly relevant to your leadership role. The leadership competencies are underpinned by the leadership characters in the LSP.

Leadership Competencies	Leadership Characters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leading strategically Leading with influence Developing talent Enhancing Ministry performance Enhancing system performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curious Honest and Courageous Resilient Self aware and agile

You can find further information on the LSP here:

<https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/resources/leadership-success-profile>

Public Service Purpose / Te Aronga o te Ratonga Tūmatanui

Ka mahitahi mātou o te ratonga tūmatanui hei painga mō ngā tāngata o Aotearoa i āiane, ā, hei ngā rā ki tua hoki. He kawenga tino whitake tā mātou hei tautoko i te Karauna i runga i ōna hononga ki a ngāi Māori i raro i te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ka tautoko mātou i te kāwanatanga manapori. Ka whakakotahingia mātou e te wairua whakarato ki ō mātou hapori, ā, e arahina ana mātou e ngā mātāpono me ngā tikanga matua o te ratonga tūmatanui i roto i ā mātou mahi.

Mō ētahi atu kōrero hei whakamārama i tēnei kaupapa, haere ki

(<https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/about-us>)

In the public service we work collectively to make a meaningful difference for New Zealanders now and in the future. We have an important role in supporting the Crown in its relationships with Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi. We support democratic government. We are unified by a spirit of service to our communities and guided by the core principles and values of the public service in our work.

You can find out more about what this means at (<https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/about-us>)

Your health, safety and wellbeing

At the Ministry of Health, we expect all of our Directors to:

- Ensure health and safety is part of the organisational culture
- Lead and champion the observance and implementation of health and safety systems and process in accordance with the Ministry's Health and Safety Plan.
- Acquire and keep up-to-date knowledge of work health and safety matters

Diversity and Inclusion

The Ministry of Health welcomes and supports people of all gender identities, ages, ethnicities, sexual orientations, disabilities and religions. A requirement of this role is to actively support and promote our diversity and inclusion principles.

What you'll bring to the role

- A tertiary qualification in a relevant field or relevant sector experience is desired but not necessary
- Knowledge of suicide prevention and the suicide prevention sector in Aotearoa
- People leadership experience in a complex and diverse organisation
- A respected leader with demonstrated experience working at a senior management level across large and complex programmes of work
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Understanding of the health legislative and regulatory environment
- The ability to analyse complex technical information to provide advice to a wide range of audiences
- The ability to pull together clear ideas and conclusions from large amounts of technical data
- The ability to manage your own workload
- Expertise in leading and influencing highly skilled senior management and professional teams in a diverse, complex and demanding environment
- Significant people leadership experience in the public sector
- A strong understanding of and commitment to the principles of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi and delivering services effectively for Maori
- Lived experience of mental health and/or addiction is highly regarded.

In response to the second part of your request:

"If Mr Tukaki listed University or Tertiary qualifications, please confirm if they were all checked and confirmed with each Institution as part of the recruitment process at the time of application, if not, why not?"

Given that we have opted to refuse the first part of your request, I am satisfied that our previous response to you [H2023019104] has addressed this question and consider the matter resolved.

Commented [KG1]: Comment from Elisabeth Brunt: s 9(2)(a) (attach CV if approved by Matt – previously released by Matt to Yvonne T). Further explain that the qualifications were discussed in the covering letter.

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Please find attached a copy of the job description for the Director Suicide Prevention, as advertised in 2022. The position was advertised internally and externally from 5 to 22 April 2022.

By way of background, Mr Tukaki was one of 22 applicants for the position, and one of three people who interviewed for the Director position at the Suicide Prevention Office. The interview panel consisted of the Deputy Chief Executive of Sector Support, the Deputy Director-General of Māori Health, the Deputy Director-General of Mental Health and Addiction, and the Chief Clinical Advisor of Mental Health and Addiction. No specific declarations of interest were made by the panel members in relation to this recruitment process.

Following these interviews, the panel selected Mr Tukaki as the suitable candidate for the role.

This experience in Australia, his strong leadership skills, preferred candidate, reference checks were conducted, which all verified by 2021, please find attached regarding as it is a copy of the advertisement for administrative position. Mr Tukaki was then interviewed with a reference check with a deep dive into his background. He has been deemed suitable for the human resources role.

As noted earlier, the Ministry has released a large amount of information regarding the recruitment process and Mr Tukaki's application and appointment to the role. I am not prepared to release further detailed information including correspondence with the individual in applying for the position under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba) of the Act. Such information is personal to the individual and the greater public interest is in the Ministry's maintaining the confidence of current and future employees.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

Robyn Shearer
Deputy Chief Executive and Deputy Director-General

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Appendix One

H2023021713

"Please provide any University or Tertiary qualifications Mr Tukaki listed on either his application for the role of Director of Suicide Prevention, Or in his CV he submitted for this role."

"If Mr Tukaki listed University or Tertiary qualifications, please confirm if they were all checked and confirmed with each Institution as part of the recruitment process at the time of application, if not, why not?"

Commented [KG2]: Comment from Elisabeth Brunt: s 9(2)(a) (attach CV if approved by Matt – previously released by Matt to Yvonne T). Further explain that the qualifications were discussed in the covering letter.

H2023022483

Please provide the job description as listed and advertised for the role of Director of Suicide Prevention in 2022 by the Ministry of Health.

Please provide the date, both internally and externally the job advertisement for the role of Director of Suicide Prevention was posted and the date applications opened and closed for the same role.

All correspondence including but not limited to emails, texts and phone calls involving Matthew Tukaki and the role of Director of Suicide Prevention on or before the date of application.

Please provide details of any meetings that Mr Tukaki had with Health staff on or before 29 April 2022.

Communications including but not limited to texts, emails and phone calls between Dr Arran Culver and Mr Tukaki prior to April 29th.

The names of the 3 members of the interview panel.

Any declarations of interest declared by Mr Tukaki and or the 3 member interview panel.

H2023023611

Under the OIA, please provide Matthew Tukaki's CV.