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Kia ora James

### Official Information Act request dated 13 January 2025

We refer to your email dated 13 January 2025 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**). The responses to your specific questions are set out below.

**Request One:** Please provide the total cost if any, for onsite te reo Māori lessons year by year over the last 3 years.

**Response One:** The total spend on te reo Māori lessons across FY22, FY23 and FY24 was \$59,680. This includes lessons run by various providers and includes both face-to-face and online training.

Determining the cost specifically for *onsite* te reo Māori lessons would require substantial research and collation. A charge for provision would therefore apply, at an hourly rate of \$76 per the Charging Guidelines. Please let us know if you would like to proceed with this aspect of your request.

**Request Two:** Please provide the total cost if any for the four-day immersion kura reo in Rotorua in September 2023 and the names of those who attended.

**Response Two:** Some TVNZ staff who attend te reo Māori lessons at TVNZ have also attended an immersion kura reo in Rotorua. Attendance at that course is undertaken by staff in their personal capacity and is not organised or funded by TVNZ.

TVNZ does not record the personal activities of its staff. No record of the names of those who attended this course exists, and this aspect of your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the Act.

**Request Three:** Please provide the same details if anyone from TVNZ attended a similar course in 2024.

**Response Three:** As above, although TVNZ is aware of this course, staff attend in their personal capacity and the course is not organised or funded by TVNZ. TVNZ does not hold any record of attendees. This request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the Act.

**Request Four:** Please provide the data/guidelines/targets used in determining the amount of te reo Maori that is included in every 1News, 6pm broadcast. e.g. Is it always the same or are there daily, weekly adjustments made.

**Response Four:** TVNZ's position on the use of te reo Māori in our news and current affairs programming is publicly available online at:



<https://www.1news.co.nz/2024/08/26/te-reo-maori-in-news-and-current-affairs-at-te-reo-tataki-tvnz/> and <https://corporate.tvnz.co.nz/1news-policies-information/>.

**Request Five:** Who makes the decision and oversees the level of te reo used? Is there a minimum requirement for each nightly broadcast?

**Response Five:** As above, TVNZ's position on the use of te reo Māori in our news and current affairs programming is publicly available online at:

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We trust this information assists. If you are dissatisfied with this response, section 28 of the Act sets out the circumstances in which you may make a complaint to the Ombudsman in order to seek an investigation and review.

Yours sincerely,

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