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Dear Jade Kake

### **Request for information OIA 2526-0961**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department), received on 11 March 2026. You requested the following information:

- 1. I request to see any DIA policy documents supporting the recommendation of a single prefab supplier to Oranga Marae applicants by DIA funding advisors.*
- 2. If applicable, please supply evidence that a fair and transparent procurement process has been undertaken for a single supplier, or if not applicable, explain why this has not occurred.*
- 3. Please provide all email correspondence from Oranga Marae staff recommending prefabricated buildings and Advance Build as a specific supplier to Oranga Marae applicants.*

On 10 April 2026, under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, the timeframe to respond to your request was extended by 16 working days to 5 May 2026. This was because the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request were such that we could not respond within the original time limit.

### **Response to your request**

#### ***Parts one and two***

The Department does not hold any information in scope of parts one and two of your request. As such, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. The Department's procurement activities are conducted in accordance with the All-of-Government Procurement framework administered by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. This framework requires agencies to comply with the five Principles of Government Procurement and the Government Procurement Charter<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.procurement.govt.nz/government-procurement-framework/government-procurement-rules/core-values/](http://www.procurement.govt.nz/government-procurement-framework/government-procurement-rules/core-values/)

In particular, Rule 2 of the Government Procurement Rules<sup>2</sup> requires agencies to conduct procurement activities in a fair, impartial, and transparent manner. This includes treating all suppliers equally, clearly communicating requirements and evaluation criteria, managing conflicts of interest, and assessing responses objectively against the stated criteria. The rule supports integrity and accountability in procurement decisions and helps maintain supplier and public confidence in government procurement processes.

### **Part three**

All email correspondence in scope of your request is attached as Appendix A. Please note, some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
- 9(2)(ba)(i) – to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

I have also withheld information that is out of scope of your request.

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding information under section 9(2) are outweighed by other considerations. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

We may publish this OIA response on [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz) (with your personal details having been removed). If you have any concerns with the information in this response, you have a right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information on how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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<sup>2</sup> [www.procurement.govt.nz/government-procurement-framework/government-procurement-rules/core-values/integrity/](http://www.procurement.govt.nz/government-procurement-framework/government-procurement-rules/core-values/integrity/)