



**Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga**
Ministry of Education

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Tēnā koe Joel

OIA: GEMS-48030 – Pūhoro STEMM Academy

Thank you for your email of 8 May 2026 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

This request relates to any funding, contracts, grants, sponsorships, procurement arrangements, partnership agreements, memoranda of understanding, or other financial support provided by your organisation to Pūhoro Charitable Trust, Pūhoro STEMM Academy, or Pūhoro.

Please provide information for the period 1 July 2023 to the date for:

- 1. A list of all funding arrangements with Pūhoro, including the name of the arrangement, start and end date, total approved value, amount paid by financial year, and whether the funding was contestable or non-contestable.*
- 2. Copies of the relevant funding agreements, contracts, data-sharing agreements, grant agreements, variations, memoranda of understanding, schedules of deliverables, reporting requirements, and performance measures.*
- 3. Copies of reporting received from Pūhoro, including milestone reports, performance reports, monitoring reports, evaluation reports, acquittals, invoices, and evidence of delivery.*
- 4. Any outcome data held by your organisation relating to Pūhoro, including the number of participants who entered tertiary study, degree-level study, engineering, technology, IT/computer science, science, health, other STEMM pathways, or STEMM employment.*
- 5. Any substantive correspondence, including emails, between your organisation and Pūhoro relating to:*
 - a. renewal, extension, variation, or increase of funding.*
 - b. reporting, performance measures, or outcome data.*
 - c. definitions of “transition to tertiary”, “STEMM pathway”, “science qualification”, or similar outcome measures.*

- d. concerns or issues with delivery, reporting, payment, invoicing, or contract performance.

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

Regarding **part one** of your request, I am releasing the information in **Tables One and Two** below. None of the funding was contestable, because Pūhoro delivers a unique program that provides STEM subjects by Māori for Māori, and there is no other organisation that provides this kind of program or to the scale of Pūhoro within the last 10 years.

Table One: An overview of the total contract value to date

Start date	June 2023 (Variation 1)	End date	31 January 2027
Contract total value	Contract Report 1. Initial Contract Details: - Total Contract Value: \$2,970,000 - Contract Period: June 2021 – January 2023 2. Contract Variation 1: - Date of Variation: 20 July 2023 - Originating Budget: Budget 23 - Updated Total Contract Value: \$20,700,000		

Table Two: Payments by Financial year

Financial Year	Amount (exclusive GST)
2022-2023	\$2,970,00 (PAID)
2023/2024	\$2,970,00
2024/2025	\$3,960,000
2025/2026	\$4,950,00
2026/2027	\$5,850,00
Total contract value	\$20,700,00.00

We identified one document in scope of **part two** of your request, being *the Outcome Agreement for Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board (Variation 1) 2023*. This agreement is published on the Ministry's website at <https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2024-11/1336577%20-%20Appendix%20C.pdf?VersionId=s9xUWoHKuCTtWdSyvo.XRaKaagY6Du3A>. As such, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

We have identified 14 documents in scope of **part three** of your request.

I am releasing six invoices as **Appendix A** – five in full, and one in part, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I am refusing the Annual Report 2021-2022 under section 18(d) of the Act, as above, as this is published on our website here: https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2024-11/1336577%20-%20Appendix%20B.pdf?VersionId=vsQd0BDzZQnjBXrv3RC_zylXV9fQdyiM.

I am releasing the remainder of the documents – five reports and two presentations – as **Appendices B, C, D, E and F**. Please note that some information is withheld from Appendices B, C, D, E under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, as above. I am releasing Appendix F in full.

Refer to **Document Table Appendix A – Invoices** for **Appendix A**.

Refer to **Document Table Annual Reports and Presentations** for **Appendices B, C, D, E, F**.

Pūhoro is not required to report to the Ministry on the outcomes specifically requested in **part four** of your request. However, Pūhoro is required to report to the Ministry on rangatahi engagement and achievement, programme delivery activities, regional growth, trends, challenges, and case studies, so some information relevant to the requested outcomes is included in the annual reports being released in Appendices B, C, D, E, and F. For example, Appendix B (page 13) states that “5000 rangatahi transitioned into STEMM industry employment”, and Appendix F includes information on university entrance.

I am refusing information related to the outcomes that is not included in these documents under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information is not held by the Ministry, and I have no grounds for believing that it is either held by, or connected more closely with the functions of, another department or organisation subject to the Act.

In response to **part five** of your request, we identified 21 email threads some with attachments in scope of, which I am releasing in part as **Appendix G**, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, as above. Refer to **Document Table Appendix G - correspondence** for **Appendix G**.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. I do not consider that the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Darren Nathan', with a stylized, cursive script.

Darren Nathan
General Manager, Engagement and Delivery
Te Pou Tuarongo | Māori Education

Document Table Appendix A - Invoices

#	Date	Reference	Title	Decision on release
1	30 Jun 2023	Invoice INV-0161 WK70022921	Operational payment released upon counter signed agreement and Mid-Year verbal reporting – 20 Jul 2023.	Released in full.
2	16 Jan 2024	Invoice INV-0204 WK70022921	As per agreement upon receipt of a satisfactory Annual written Report – Jan 2024.	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
3	12 Jul 2024	Invoice INV-0236 WK70022921	Upon receipt of a satisfactory mid-year verbal report.	Released in full.
4	1 Jan 2025	Invoice INV-0283 WK70022921	As per agreement upon receipt of a satisfactory Annual written Report – January 2025	Released in full.
5	1 Jul 2025	Invoice INV-0316 WK70022921	As per agreement upon receipt of a satisfactory Mid-Year verbal report (pre-documentation provided) – July 2025	Released in full.
6	1 Jan 2026	Invoice INV-0382 WK70022921	As per agreement upon receipt of a satisfactory Annual written Report	Released in full.

Document Table Annual Reports and Presentations

Apx	Date	Title	Decision on release
	2021-2022	Annual report Pūhoro Charitable Trust Pūrongo-Ā-Tau	Refused. Information refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available here: https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2024-11/1336577%20-%20Appendix%20B.pdf?VersionId=vsQd0BDzZQnjBXrv3RC_zyIXV9fQdyiM , with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
B	2022-2023	Annual report	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
C	2023-2024	Annual report	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
D	2023	Presentations 1 Tauria Impact, Presentation 2	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
E	2024-2025	Annual report	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
F	Jul 2025	Academy report	Released in full.

Document Table Appendix G - correspondence

#	Date	From	To	Subject	Decision on release
1	3 Jul 2023	Kemp Reweti	9(2)(a)	Re: Variation Agreement	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
1.1	Attachment: Outcome agreement for Pūhoro Charitable Trust Board (Variation 1) June 2023				Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Refer to part 2

#	Date	From	To	Subject	Decision on release
2	10 Jul 2023	Kemp Reweti	Accounts Payable	Pūhoro Charitable Trust Invoice – MOE11407	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
Invoice: refer to Appendix A document 2					
3	8 Aug 2023	Kemp Reweti	k.davis@ministers.govt.nz	Pūhoro STEMM Academy update	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
3.1	Attachment: Letter to Minister Kelvin Davis				Released in full.
4	16 Aug 2023	Kemp Reweti	9(2)(a)	Te Tai Tokerau Wānanga + Rangatahi feedback	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
5	18 Jan 2024	Kemp Reweti	9(2)(a)	Annual Report Milestone Due Jan 20 th 2024	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
Invoice 0204: refer to Appendix A document 3					
6	19 Jan 2024	Kemp Reweti	9(2)(a)	Another link, just in case....	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
7	30 Jan 2024	Kemp Reweti	9(2)(a)	Re: Pūhoro Achievement and Engagement	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
8	25 Mar 2024	Kemp Reweti	9(2)(a)	Re: Request for scheduling of July Meeting in person	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
9	23 May 2024	Kemp Reweti	Parliament , Ministry	Re: Mere-Hēni Email	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.

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10	11 Jun 2024	Kemp Reweti	9(2)(a)	Mid-Year Activity Verbal Report – Request for in person meeting	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
11	15 Jul 2024	Kemp Reweti	9(2)(a)	MoE Verbal Report Presentation and Ministry Invoice Submission	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
	Invoice 0236: refer to Appendix A document 4				
	Presentation: refer to Appendix D				
12	9 Jul 2024	Kemp Reweti	9(2)(a)	Data Request	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
13	18 Dec 2024	Pūhoro	9(2)(a)	Map showing all the Kura and enrolment numbers	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
13.1	Pūhoro Secondary Tauira Number 2024-12-18.xlsx				Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
13.2	Pūhoro Secondary Tauira Numbers (Map and Table) 2024-12-18.pptx				Released in full.
14	14 Jan 2025	Kemp Reweti	9(2)(a)	Pūhoro Annual Report submission & Ministry Invoice submission	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
	Invoice 0283: refer to Appendix A document 5				
15	16 July 2025	Pūhoro	Kemp Reweti, 9(2)(a)	Re: confirmation of Literacy Rate Date	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
15.1	Numeracy and Literacy Cumulative figures 2025-07.xlsx				Released in full.

#	Date	From	To	Subject	Decision on release
16	16 Jul 2025	Pūhoro	9(2)(a)	Re: Confirmation of Literacy Rate Date	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
17	3 Dec 2025	Kemp Reweti	9(2)(a)	Invitation: Te Ngahurutanga o Pūhoro STEMM-10 Years Impact	Released in full.
18	14 Jan 2026	Kemp Reweti	9(2)(a)	Pūhoro STEMM-Annual Report Submission&Ministry Invoice	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
Invoice 0382: refer to Appendix A document 7					
19	16 Jan 2026	Pūhoro	9(2)(a)	Values for 2023 and 2024 NCEA STEM Standard pass rates	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
20	27 Jan 2026	Pūhoro	9(2)(a)	Pūhoro Data request	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
20.1	MoE request 2026-01-26.docx				Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
21	20 Apr 2026	Pūhoro	9(2)(a)	Re: Pūhoro Data request	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.