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Tēnā koe Joel

### Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 7 May 2026. You sought the following:

*"I am requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982.*

*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 of this request.*

*Please provide:*

- 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.*
- Copies of the relevant funding agreements, contracts, data-sharing agreements, grant agreements, variations, memoranda of understanding, schedules of deliverables, reporting requirements, and performance measures.*
- Copies of reporting received from Pūhoro, including milestone reports, performance reports, monitoring reports, evaluation reports, acquittals, invoices, and evidence of delivery.*
- 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.*
- Any substantive correspondence, including emails, between your organisation and Pūhoro relating to:
  - \* renewal, extension, variation, or increase of funding;*
  - \* reporting, performance measures, or outcome data;*
  - \* definitions of "transition to tertiary", "STEMM pathway", "science qualification", or similar outcome measures;*
  - \* concerns or issues with delivery, reporting, payment, invoicing, or contract performance.**

*If any part of this request is too broad, please contact me before refusing it so I can refine the scope.”*

On 28 May 2026, you were notified of an extension of the timeframe for the response, to enable time for consultations. I am now in a position to respond.

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

Twenty-one documents have been identified in scope of your request. The documents and my decisions with regard to the release of the information are set out in the table attached as **Appendix A**. A funding table summarising the funding arrangements with Pūhoro is provided in **Appendix B**.

Some information has been withheld in accordance with the Act on the following grounds:

- 9(2)(g)(ii): to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment;
- 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; and
- 9(2)(ba): confidential information.

Some information has also been withheld as it is out of scope.

In relation to information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am of the opinion that there are no countervailing considerations that make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available at this time.

The information provided includes funding agreements, reporting documentation, and outcome-related information held by Te Puni Kōkiri, as well as substantive correspondence between Te Puni Kōkiri and Pūhoro Charitable Trust relating to funding, reporting, and contract delivery.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at [uia@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:uia@tpk.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



Grace Smit  
Hautū, Te Puni Rohe | Deputy Secretary, Regions

**Appendix A: Documents - OIA request from Joel Robinson dated 7 May 2026**

| <b>Item</b> | <b>Date</b>      | <b>Document description</b>   | <b>Decision</b>  |
|-------------|------------------|---|--|
| 1           | 19 July 2023     | Pūhoro Charitable Trust Interim Progress Report   | Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(g)(ii), 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(a).                           |
| 2           | 26 July 2023     | INV-0168 - Invoice (cadetships progress payment)  | Released in full.  |
| 3           | 1 November 2023  | Pūhoro Charitable Trust Final Report – Te Puni Kōkiri Cadetship Initiative                                  | Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(g)(ii), 9(2)(ba) and 9(2)(a).                              |
| 4           | 6 November 2023  | Pūhoro Charitable Trust Cadetships 2022-2023 Final Monitoring Template - Spreadsheet (participant outcomes) | Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).   |
| 5           | 13 November 2023 | Pūhoro Charitable Trust Variation Tono/Request - Prepared for the Te Puni Kōkiri Cadetship Initiative       | Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(g)(ii) and 9(2)(a).  |
| 6           | 6 June 2024      | Email correspondence - Update Email - Pūhoro  | Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) and some information withheld as it is not in scope. |
| 7           | 17 June 2024     | TPK Funding Financial Report Final (Cadetships) - spreadsheet of funding breakdown                          | Released in full.  |
| 8           | 18 June 2024     | INV-0230 - Invoice - Final Milestone Report - Completion of Cadetship Programme Pūhoro Charitable Trust     | Released in full.  |
| 9           | 18 June 2024     | Pūhoro Charitable Trust Final Report (Variation) - Te Puni Kōkiri Cadetship Initiative                      | Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(g)(ii), 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(a).                           |
| 10          | 19 June 2024     | Pūhoro Charitable Trust Cadetships 2023-2024 Final Monitoring Template Spreadsheet (participant outcomes)   | Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).   |
| 11          | 25 March 2025    | Māori Development Fund Investment Agreement for Pūhoro Charitable Trust - Pūhoro Stemm Academy              | Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).   |

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| 12 | 28 March 2025    | INV-0295 – Pūhoro Charitable Trust Invoice - Execution of agreement   | Released in full.   |
| 13 | 12 June 2025     | Pūhoro Charitable Trust progress report   | Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).  |
| 14 | 12 June 2025     | Whāia Te Pae Tawhiti progress report  | Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).  |
| 15 | 13 June 2025     | INV-0309 – Invoice - Pūhoro Charitable Trust (progress payment)   | Released in full.   |
| 16 | 13 June 2025     | Email correspondence - Progress Report and Invoice  | Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii), 9(2)(a) and some information withheld as it is not in scope. |
| 17 | 27 August 2025   | Email correspondence – Update - Pūhoro STEMM Academy  | Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) and some information withheld as it is not in scope.          |
| 18 | 9 December 2025  | Whāia Te Pae Tawhiti - Empowering Rangatahi Māori to Forge the Future with Confidence and Increased Economic Acuity - Pūhoro Charitable Trust | Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).  |
| 19 | 10 December 2025 | Pūhoro Charitable Trust Māori Development Funding wrap-up report  | Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).  |
| 20 | 12 December 2025 | Final whakataukī list - Resource (programme material)   | Released in full  |
| 21 | Unknown          | Pūhoro STEMM Pathway Mahi - Resource  | Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(g)(ii) and 9(2)(a).   |

**Appendix B: Funding Table**

| <b>Initiative</b>      | <b>Ref ID</b>               | <b>Financial Year(s)</b> | <b>Amount Approved (excl. GST)</b> | <b>Amount Paid (excl. GST)</b> | <b>Funding Split by FY (excl. GST)</b>             | <b>Contestable</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Cadetships             | NDOE-MDF-CAD/HO.34594.50678 | FY2022/23,<br>FY2023/24  | \$200,000                          | \$200,000                      | FY2022/23:<br>\$70,000;<br>FY2023/24:<br>\$130,000 | Yes                |
| Māori Development Fund | MDF/HO.34594.52826          | FY2024/25                | \$400,000                          | \$400,000                      | FY2024/25:<br>\$400,000                            | Yes                |